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The United States, strong supporter of Britain in the Falklands War, declares backing for Argentina in the United Nations debate. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is said to be dismayed with Reagan's support to Argentina.—Page 20

Defense draft for GCC prepared

MANAMA, Nov. 3 (Agencies). — The Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council agreed on a framework for a collective security pact Wednesday which is to be taken up by the forthcoming GCC summit conference.

Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak of Bahrain, while declining to give specific details, told reporters the recommendations would, if adopted, lead to "important (collective) steps in the security and defense fields." He added the six ministers also discussed the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq war.

"The war is a very important subject, because it affects the security of the whole (Gulf) region," said Mubarak.

The summit is scheduled for Nov. 9 here in Bahrain, where King Fahd, Sultan Qaboos of Oman, and Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed of Kuwait, Isai bin Salman of Bahrain, Zayed bin Sultan of the United Arab Emirates and Khalifa bin Hamad of Qatar will attend.

The 17-month-old GCC agreement serves as a flexible framework for economic integration and collective defense among the six signatory states. The foreign ministers approved the summit agenda in their opening meeting Monday night and have since been holding intensive discussions on specific items on the agenda.

Saudi Arabia has concluded internal security pacts with all members of the grouping except Kuwait. The first of these pacts was signed with Bahrain last December.

Officials have said that internal security of the GCC member states was the foremost item on the summit's agenda. The six states held lengthy discussions over the past few months in an effort to produce a satisfactory pan-Gulf security pact.

King arrives in Rabat

RABAT, Nov. 3 (SPA). — King Fahd arrived here Wednesday on a short visit to Morocco during which he will confer with King Hassan.

Before leaving Jeddah, King Fahd delegated Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, to run the affairs of state during his absence.

The Moroccan king last month led a seven-member Arab League delegation to the U.S. for talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

The committee, set up by 12th Arab summit held in Fez, Morocco, in September, was requested by the summit to initiate contacts with the U.S. and the other four permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on a unified Arab peace plan to settle the Middle East conflict.

Iraq blunts Iran attack

BAGHDAD, Nov. 3 (R). — Iraqi planes and helicopter gunships struck at dawn Wednesday at Iranian forces which launched their third major offensive in four months Monday night.

A military spokesman quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the latest Iranian offensive in the 25-month-old Gulf war had collapsed and fighting on the ground had subsided into artillery duels.

Iraq announced Tuesday it had repulsed the Iranian attack in a border area between the Iranian city of Dezful and the Iraqi provincial capital of Misan (formerly Amarah).

The Iraqi spokesman said Wednesday's air strikes were destroying Iranian positions, armor, field headquarters and gun emplacements. "The enemy's offensive failed, the situation has stabilized in favor of the Iraqi forces and what has remained of the activities on the front has been reduced to artillery duels," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the Iraqis were "tightening their stranglehold on the remnant of the Iranian troops." Iranian units were surrounded in some parts of the battle area and Iraqi forces were "dealing deadly blows" to them, he added.

Iraq said Tuesday that 4,660 Iranians had been killed in the first 24 hours of their offensive. It gave no figures for Iraqi losses. The military spokesman said Wednesday that Iranian corpses littered the battlefield and a huge number of Iranians had been captured.

Iraq says it has recaptured 300 square km (115 square miles) of its own territory in the two-day-old offensive.

Poll swings Democrat way

Republicans retain hold over Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Agencies). — Opposition Democrats strengthened their control in the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, while Republicans preserved their dominance of the Senate in national congressional elections.

President Ronald Reagan, reacting to the results, said he will deal with the new Congress in a spirit of compromise but will not compromise on principles. He also told reporters his conservative economic policies are "apparently working very successfully" to overcome recession and he will continue them.

The Republican success in the Senate retained the upper house as friendly ground for Reagan's policies, particularly his controversial "Reaganomics" combination of tax and government spending cuts. The Republicans were assured of at least 53 seats in the 100-member Senate, compared to their present 54.

But the Democrats gained an estimated 23 seats in the 435-member House of Representatives, which they already control, and showed strongly in races for state governors. Democrats and Republicans alike had predicted that Reagan could have new trouble pushing his programs through the house if his party lost more than 15 or 20 seats there.

Analysts attributed the Democrats' gains largely to frustration over 10.1 percent unemployment, the highest in 47 years. Many of the Democrats oppose Reagan's heavy spending on defense and his cutbacks on social programs. White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III said Tuesday night that Reagan may be forced to "compromise" on some of his positions.

Dissatisfaction with Reaganomics appeared to be a factor in several races but not enough of one to produce a Democratic landslide. Unemployment and social security (pension and disability payments for the elderly) were the big issues in Democratic campaigns. Republican campaigners countered by citing lower interest and inflation rates achieved during the Reagan administration and blaming past Democratic policies for economic problems.

Interviews with voters as they left polling places found displeasure with the results of the Reagan economic program, but also a reservoir of patience.

Proposals for a freeze on nuclear weapons won solid margins in six of the nine states where they were on the ballot. Reagan strongly opposed them on the grounds that they would lock the United States into a position of nuclear inferiority.

The proposals were leading in three more states and trailed substantially in one — Arizona. The proposals were worded differently in different states and are not binding on the federal government.

At least, two races had complications for the 1984 presidential elections. Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, as expected, was re-elected, keeping alive prospects that he will seek the 1984 Democratic nomination.

California Democratic Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., however, lost a Senate bid, dealing a blow to his 1984 presidential hopes.

The Democrats lost many of their traditional blocs of support in the 1980 elections that ushered in the Reagan administration. But an Associated Press-NBC news poll indicated that the party won back many traditional supporters, including blue-collar workers, members of minority groups, the elderly and women.

At a glance

	Dem.	Rep.	oth.
U.S. Senate Won	20	12	0
U.S. House Won	262	163	0
Governors Won	27	8	0
U.S. Senate Leading	0	1	0
U.S. House Leading	5	3	0
Governors Leading	0	1	0

The poll also showed that some traditional Republicans — people who describe their work as professional or managerial — also had supported Democrats.

An estimate by the committee for the study of the American electorate said that about 39 percent of eligible Americans voted, one percentage point above the 37.9 percent figure in 1978. The increase appeared to reverse two decades of declining voter participation in U.S. elections.

The Democratic House candidates appeared on their way to recapturing most of the 33 seats they lost in the Reagan election in 1980. Not one of the 16 Republican members of the House up for re-election succeeded in winning a new term.

Democrats had won 246 seats and were leading 20 more races. Republicans had taken 151 seats and were leading 16 others. It takes 218 to claim a majority.

In the current Congress, Democrats hold 241 seats, Republicans 192, and two seats

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Reagan suffers setback

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AFP). — President Ronald Reagan, whose Republican Party sustained a setback in Tuesday's legislative elections, will now have to moderate his hard-line policies toward both the Soviet Union and America's European allies, political analysts believe.

Paradoxically, foreign affairs were notably absent from the campaign which was dominated by the country's social and economic problems. But liberal Democratic gains in the House of Representatives are likely to make it particularly difficult for Reagan to have his way in foreign policy.

Even before the elections, the president was having trouble convincing his Democratic opponents — as well as a good many Republican congressmen — of Soviet military superiority. It was that assessment of Soviet capacity that inspired the Defense Department to request a record \$216,000 million for military spending.

In light of a serious economic recession and the highest rate of unemployment since the World War II, the newly constituted House can be expected to try to trim the Pentagon's budget request when Congress convenes in January.

But calling U.S. defense policies into question could have repercussions on Washington's position in negotiations with the Soviet Union on deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe as well as on across-the-board arms reductions.

Geneva-based talks with the Soviet Union on limiting nuclear weapons continue to limp along, and even before the elections Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev accused the Reagan administration of trying to sabotage the negotiations.

The message for the administration was clear nevertheless: a large number of Americans want the United States to join the Soviet Union in freezing the capacity of nuclear weaponry at its present level. The Soviet Union has already sought such a commitment from President Reagan who, however, dismissed the proposal as pure demagoguery.

The elections are also likely to leave their mark in the dispute between the United States and Western Europe on the Soviet Euro-Siberian natural gas pipeline.

Washington, Nov. 3 (AP). — Forty-six percent of American voters feel the United States is providing too much military aid to Israel, according to an Associated Press-NBC News poll of voters Tuesday.

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Voters feel Israel gets too much aid

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Army deployed in East Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov. 3 (Agencies). — The Lebanese Army sent troops and armor into mainly Christian east Beirut Wednesday morning in a new move to establish a presence in the heartland of the right-wing Christian militias.

Units from the three-nation Lebanon peace force began mobile patrols later Wednesday in east Beirut to reinforce the army's position. As the army began expanding its control from west Beirut into the eastern sector, police said sectarian fighting flared anew between Christian and Druze militiamen in the Israeli-occupied Chouf province southeast of the capital.

A police spokesman said at least six persons were killed and 15 wounded in 24 hours of clashes in the Chouf Villages of Kfar Nabrak and Brih. But Christian-controlled radio stations in Beirut placed the death toll at 14 and said Israeli troops and tanks surrounded both villages early Wednesday to stop the fighting.

The independent newspaper *Al-Nahar* reported that the move of sending the troops to east Beirut had been coordinated with the militia leaders. It said the army would be allowed to confiscate any weapons they saw except for those carried by guards at the numerous party offices, barracks and military police posts in the area.

Elizabeth unveils government plan

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AP). — Amid traditional pageantry, Queen Elizabeth II on Wednesday formally opened a new session of parliament for what could be the last time before the conservative government calls a general election.

The queen outlined a no-surprise legislative program planned by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's administration in the coming year. Mrs. Thatcher is widely expected to call an election by next fall before her 5-year term expires in May 1984.

Gunmen occupy Turkey consulate

COLOGNE, West Germany, Nov. 3 (R). — Gunmen describing themselves as left-wing opponents of Turkey's government wounded several persons Wednesday when they occupied the Turkish consulate in Cologne and took a number of hostages, regional government officials said.

They said there were between 10 and 15 gunmen, holding an unknown number of hostages. Fifteen hostages, some of them with gunshot wounds, had so far been released, they added. The gunmen passed a leaflet to police in which they said they were fighting against the Turkey's military government on behalf of the Turkish people.

The leaflet made no demands, but one of the gunmen, using a loudspeaker, said no further information would be given until they met the Turkish ambassador to West Germany. A spokesman for the Turkish Embassy in Bonn said the assailants had been told that a new ambassador would not arrive in Bonn until Nov. 15.

The regional officials said the gunmen were also demanding the withdrawal of police sharpshooters who had taken up positions around the building.

A Turkish embassy spokesman said they had received information from police that six persons were injured in shooting inside the consulate.

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Defense ministerial appointment announced

RIYADH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — Prince Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz has been named Vice Minister of Defense and Aviation, according to a royal decree issued Tuesday night.

Prince Abdul Rahman, who obtained a military diploma from a California, higher military studies academy, was in private business before his appointment. He also holds a B.A. in economics and management from the University of California.

Prince Abdul Rahman is the founder of a national group which establishes modern farms across the Kingdom and two printing



Prince Abdul Rahman
companies in Jeddah and Dammam. He also is a founding member of power companies in Riyadh, Jeddah and the Eastern Province, and the Saudi Natural Gas Company. He is a member in several cement companies in the Kingdom.
The royal decree gave Prince Abdul Rahman ministerial rank.

Palestinian sports council receives Kingdom's donation

RIYADH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — The Presidency of Youth Welfare has donated \$20,000 for the Palestinian Youth and Sports Higher Council, it was reported here Wednesday. The Saudi Arabian donation represents the contribution of Palestinian council in the Arab League's sports activities and installations fund.

The Presidency of Youth Welfare also granted \$8,746 to the Arab Plastic Artists' Union in support of its projects.

Madinah begins crackdown on motorcyclists

MADINAH, Nov. 3 — An intensive traffic campaign has been launched here to crack down on motorcyclists, according to Al-Madina.

A spokesman for the traffic department said that the objective of the campaign was to halt the acrobatic performances, insane speeding, general disturbance and traffic impediments on the part of motorcyclists in the city's streets.

Motorcycles are very often involved in traffic accidents, the spokesman added, and a large number of these are already in the department's custody. He regretted that some citizens help motorcyclists to get away rather than cooperate in this matter with the authorities.

Islamic banking, activities register consistent growth

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — Banks and banking activities of the Islamic countries, especially those of petroleum-exporting Arab countries, in international capital markets have been growing continuously since 1974, according to the latest issue of the *Journal of Economic Cooperation* published by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC), an off-shoot of the 43-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

Total publicized credits in Eurocurrency markets have amounted to \$60.9 billion as the total of the first five months of the current year. The total volume of the Islamic-led syndication (the term is used to define those syndicated Eurocurrency credits of which management groups comprise at least one bank owned by citizens or public in Islamic countries) amounted to \$10.7 billion. Monthly figures fluctuate between \$1.1 billion and \$3.5 billion i.e. between 12 and 23 percent of the market total. These show the continuously increasing importance of the banks of the Islamic countries in the world's financial markets.

The demand, however, is not as bright as the supply side. Private and public borrowers from Islamic countries have managed to obtain loans amounting to \$3.1 billion, which is only five percent of total borrowings in the market. When one considers the increasing balance of payments difficulties of some Islamic countries, \$3.1 billion worth of borrowing falls far too short of the financing needs of the Islamic countries. Such low-level borrowing by Islamic countries is mainly due to their low credit-worthiness. Actually, only \$0.6 billion has been provided to these countries by non-Islamic syndicated loans whereas the remaining amount was supplied by the Islamic-led syndications.

Distribution of the credits provided by the Islamic-led syndications between Islamic and non-Islamic borrowers is not in favor of OIC members. Only one fourth of the total has gone to the OIC members, whereas other countries have benefited from three-fourths of the total funds supplied by the Islamic-led syndications.

The SESRTCIC study shows that although the role of the banks of the OIC members keeps on growing, the Islamic countries, as a group, fail to benefit from these markets at rates comparable to their collective share as suppliers.

SESRTCIC, better known as the OIC's Ankara Center, was established by a resolution of the Eighth Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Tripoli, in May, 1977. It became operational in Ankara on June 1, 1978. The director of the center is Dr. Sadi Cindoruk of Turkey. Though a subsidiary organ of the OIC, the center has its own budget. The annual mandatory contributions by member states constitute the main source of revenue for the center.

In full realization of the fact that a concerted movement towards multi-faceted economic cooperation would constitute a pre-condition for the overall economic development of the Islamic community, the OIC felt the need for an indigenous research and training center of its own, staffed by qualified personnel drawn from the member states themselves, loyal to its aims and working towards the attainment of its overall long-term objective of an Islamic economic union.

Presently, in addition to "Cooperation," the center is also publishing a tri-lingual periodical, *Information Report*, twice a year, where information on publications of national statistical and economic institutions in the member states made available to the center is reported.

Mattar heads Saudia delegation IATA conferees to be told of malpractice, discounting

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — A presentation outlining malpractice and illegal discounting practiced by some air carriers will be given here by Captain Ahmed Mattar, director general of Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national airline during the Nov. 7-12 Thirty-Eighth International Airline Transport Association (IATA) conference in Geneva.

Mattar will head the Saudia delegation to the conference and plans to present details about the impact such illegal practices have on the economies of world airlines.

Captain Mattar will also head the Saudia delegation on Nov. 6 to the Arab Air Carriers

Organization (AAO) during which a stand will be coordinated about issues to be reviewed during the IATA conference.

Rida Hakeem, executive vice president for Arab and international affairs and Rafat Talab, general manager for industry and IATA affairs will accompany Captain Mattar.

During the IATA conference, reports submitted by main IATA committees will be discussed as well as reports given on policies to be followed during the next year to ensure the protection of the interests of IATA member carriers whose number has now reached more than 120.

GCC civil service officials plan March meeting in Riyadh

RIYADH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — Royal approval has been given for hosting a scientific meeting in the Kingdom of civil service officials in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. The meeting will revise administration regulations and concepts, pay scale and conditions for appointment.

Civil Service Board President Turki Al-Sudairi told Al-Jazirah Wednesday that the meeting comes under the guidelines of GCC states' efforts to bring closer the similarity of the aspects of life in political, economic and commercial fields. The meeting may be held in March, of 1983, he said.

Stressing the importance of civil service in each member state of the GCC, Sudairi said that health, agricultural and commercial activities are highly dependent on the efficiency of management.

Pharmacologists meet

KUWAIT, Nov. 3 (SPA) — The Kingdom, along with a number of other countries, took part in the first conference of pharmacology which began here Tuesday. The first session dealt with safety of medicine from the manufacturing, analyzing and inspecting aspects, in addition to the role played by pharmacology departments in guaranteeing such a safety.

King Fahd donates \$10m

Tunisian flood victims aided

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — King Fahd ordered Wednesday a \$10 million aid for Tunisia to help victims of the recent floods.

Meanwhile, the Organization of the Islamic Conference dispatched a cash relief of \$500,000 to assist the victims of floods.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti said the donation is an expression of solidarity with an Arab country which faces a natural



Captain Ahmed Mattar

Offshore, gas British trade group slated

Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Nov. 3 — The Association of British Oceanic Industries will sponsor an offshore and gas operations oriented trade mission to the Eastern Province Nov. 12 to 19. The mission includes representatives of manufacturers of offshore petrochemical supplies and equipment.

In a seminar at Aramco they will present their control line and drill line protectors, offshore cranes, hydraulic presses, lifting slings, lube oil and seal oil barrier systems, electro-hydraulic systems for oil fields, offshore pipe systems and marine loading arms and underwater communications.

The mission intends to cement existing relationships and promote new ties with the contractors and suppliers to the offshore industry in the Eastern Province. The group will receive interested parties at the Al Gosaibi Hotel in Alkhorbar.

Japanese youth group received

RIYADH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd received here Wednesday a Japanese youth delegation, currently visiting the Kingdom. Prince Faisal stressed the importance of exchanging visits between youth of friendly Asian countries. The Japanese delegation is here at the invitation of the Presidency of Youth Welfare.

Prince Faisal also gave the visiting group a briefing on the various aspects of development underway in the Kingdom.

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previously held by Democrats are vacant.

Incumbency, rather than Reagan economic policies, seemed the key to Senate verdicts in the off-year elections. Twenty-seven incumbents won re-election. Two incumbents lost — one a Democrat and one a Republican.

It appeared the party breakdown in the Senate could remain as it is — 54 Republicans and 46 Democrats.

Democrats have ousted Republicans from governorships in economically-troubled populous states and one-time segregationist George Wallace has returned to power as governor of Alabama.

In Illinois, where Republican governor James Thompson faced Adlai Stevenson, son of a former Democratic presidential candidate, the race was still too close to call early today.

Stevenson, who lagged in pre-election polls in the unemployment-plagued state, held a steadily shrinking lead in the vote count. One of his aides said a recount was likely.

In California, there was still doubt on the

outcome of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's attempt to become the first black elected governor in the United States. Network television projections had Bradley, a Democrat, beaten by state Attorney General George Deukmejian. But returns were incomplete and Bradley did not concede.

Bradley played a major role in bringing the 1984 Olympics to Los Angeles. The only black to serve as governor was appointed in the old south after the civil war.

Democrats replaced Republicans in the governorships of Arkansas, Nevada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Michigan and Texas — a list that includes some of the most populous states and important power bases for Democrats in the 1984 election.

In New Hampshire, Republican John Sununu, a business consultant, defeated Democratic incumbent Hugh Gallen. Wallace, paralysed by a would-be assassin's bullet during an unsuccessful presidential campaign in 1972, won his fourth term as governor. His last term as governor ended four years ago.

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Construction exhibition opens in Jeddah tonight

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan will officially open the Nov. 4 — 10 Middle East Construction and Municipal Services Exhibition here Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Jeddah Expo Center. During the exhibition, the latest products and services will be exhibited by more than 300 firms representing construction industry suppliers from 20 different countries.



Dr. Muhammad Ali Qattan

Riyadh woman's quadruplets are in good health

RIYADH, Nov. 3 — A 30 year old Saudi Arabian woman has given birth here to quadruplets — three girls and a boy — without the need for a caesarian to be performed. *Al-Riyadh* reported. The babies are in good health; but as their weight was below normal they were sent from the Maternity and Children's Hospital to King Faisal Specialist Hospital.

A spokesman for the Maternity and Children's Hospital said that between 700 and 800 patients were cared for every day at the hospital's various outpatient clinics.

The spokesman, Dr. Yassin Borhan Idris, head of the hospital's gynaecological, obstetrics and pediatric section, made it a point that there were less cancer cases in Saudi Arabia than elsewhere, because of the strict implementation of religious precepts in the Kingdom. He said that womb cancer was common in developed countries at an early age.

Dr. Idris pointed out that the subject of his fellowship was the pre-birth detection of child deformity, a field in which the hospital is very active. He said that in such cases the future mother and her husband are subjected to a study on their chromosome composition, if necessary they are sent to special chromosome research centers.

A spokesman for the exhibition said it shows every sign of repeating the outstanding success of its two predecessors which were held in 1980 and 1981. This year exhibitors have taken more than 8,000 square meters of space to mount a comprehensive presentation of their latest products and services at a time when the Saudi Arabian and international construction industry is continuing to play a key role in the development of the Kingdom and neighboring states.

"There has been a tremendous response to the exhibition by Saudi Arabian manufacturers, agents and distributors, whose presentation will cover some 4,000 square meters of space," said the spokesman. "They will be joined by leading companies from countries including Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Korea, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States. In view of the importance of the Saudi Arabian market, many will be exhibiting in national groups with the support of their governments."

The Middle East Construction series of exhibitions has always been notable for the wide range of products and services displayed by exhibitors. The 1982 exhibition catalogue lists over 200 separate products and services ranging from heavy earthmoving equipment, cranes and excavators to domestic fixtures and fittings.

Drug tampering warning issued

RIYADH, Nov. 3 (SPA) — Drug manufacturers dealing with the Health Ministry were warned Wednesday against tampering with the date of validity for drugs or not performing in accordance with contracts signed. Acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi pointed out the high danger to public health as a result of such acts and their impact on the balance of honest competition.

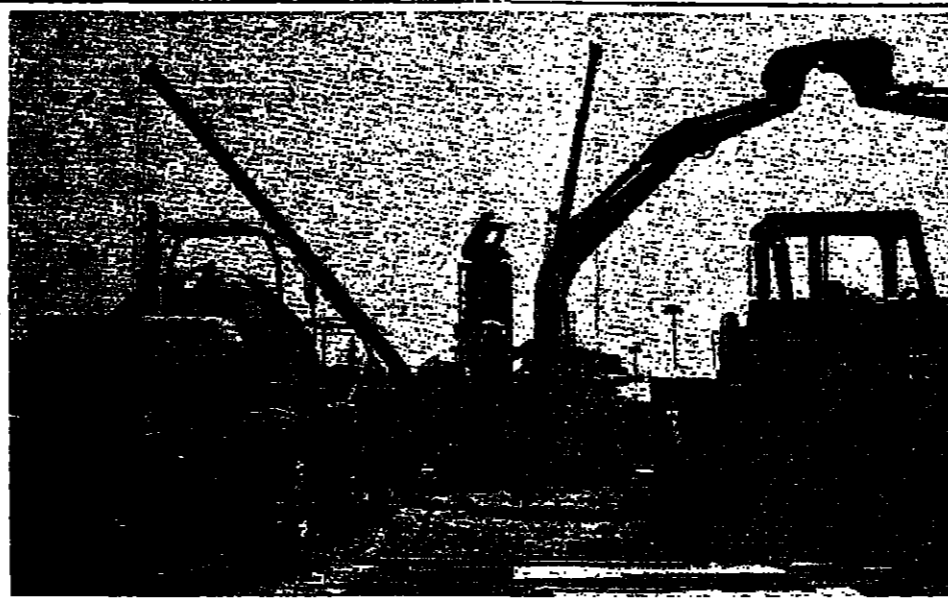
Dr. Algosabi instructed ministry officials to withhold the dues of any company found in breach of the contract. A committee would be formed to determine the offender and serve a warning to the company not to repeat such "deception." If a company is found practicing such "shameful conduct" against the issue should be referred to the acting minister and the company would be fined SR100,000. The director of the company and the ministry employee responsible will be forwarded to the court to consider criminal implications. Furthermore, the company will be blacklisted in the Kingdom and other Arab countries will be advised of the decision, Algosabi said.

Meanwhile, the acting minister signed Wednesday a SR6 million contract with a national company for developing the Hamiyat Hospital in Unaizah.

Coast swimming areas planned

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — There will soon be places along the coast here where children can swim, where beginners can learn to swim and spots where good swimmers can take a sea swim *Al-Madinah* reported.

A special committee entrusted with formulating urgent recommendations to put an end to drowning accidents along the port city coasts proposed that special signboards and luminant indicators be used in places where people can safely swim. Lifeguard towers will also be erected on these beaches. A kind of fence will also surround dangerous areas.



NEW CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: Some of the new equipment on display at the Jeddah Expo Center is shown here. The Middle East Construction and Municipal Services Exhibition opens Nov. 4.

Ratio between national, expatriate doctors decreased during two years

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — More than 150 medical doctors who graduated from Saudi Arabia's various faculties of medicine have been appointed by the Health Ministry in its hospitals, dispensaries and health centers, thus increasing the ratio of Saudi Arabian doctors to foreign contractors within the past two years. *Al-Bilad* reported.

The paper quoted Dr. Muhammad Mahmoud Ezzat, Jeddah's health affairs director, as saying that the creation of faculties of medicine in the various Saudi Arabian provinces by the Higher Education Ministry has been of great help to the Health Ministry. There are now a total 500 Saudi Arabian and expatriate doctors of both sexes working

here, including 150 specialists. There were hardly ten Saudi doctors, two years ago, compared to no less than 170 expatriate doctors.

"We expect this proportion of Saudi doctors of both sexes to increase even further to cope with the Health Ministry plans that call for the establishment of health centers in all regions and districts in the Kingdom," Dr. Ezzat said. The plan was launched two years ago, and there are now six dispensaries and health centers servicing six districts, namely Mina Port District; Kilo 7; Kilo 3; Ghaili; Al-Hendaweyyah; Al-Ruwais; and Bani Malek; in addition to the existing hospitals and dispensaries.

Jeddah seminars completed

School taught engineers use of sealing devices

By Ahmad Kamal Khuroo
Arab News Staff

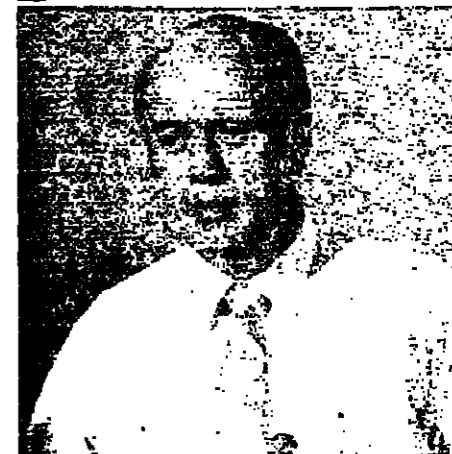
JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — A "how to" school on the use of sealing devices for pumps, compressors and chemical mixers was conducted by Richard Hoyle during three days of seminars which were just completed at the Prestige Hotel here.

"There are 20 ways of solving cavitation problems in pumps and you don't have to live with it," Hoyle explained. "The goal is to show how to reduce costs and pollution by not letting liquids flow out."

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Mechanical seal schools are a professional engineering service of the U.S. company, A.W. Chesteron, held throughout the world on a continuing schedule. Conducted by a Chesteron engineer, this school was held for the first time in Jeddah. These schools are sponsored by Al-Hilal Trading and Contracting Co. and was the second of its kind to be held in the Kingdom.

The first school was conducted last month in Alkhobar where 110 engineers received



Richard Hoyle

state-of-the-art coaching in engineering. The schools cover a variety of subjects and at the end participants receive the seal manual used as a text for the course.

A diploma is awarded at the end of the session after a written test which gauges how much the participants have retained. Haythan El-Abed president of Al-Hilal said that these diplomas are recognized by educational institutions.

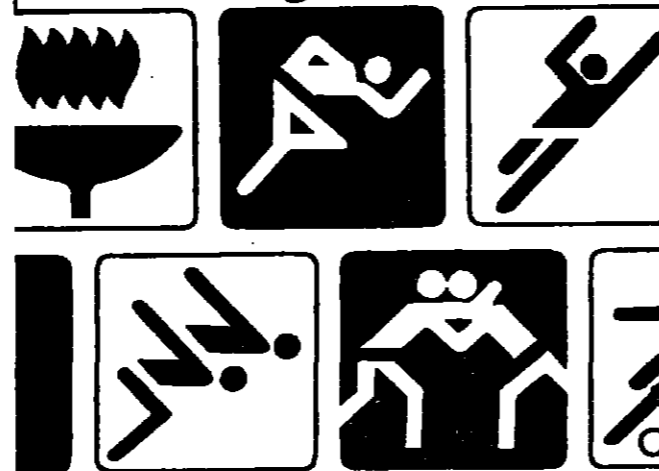
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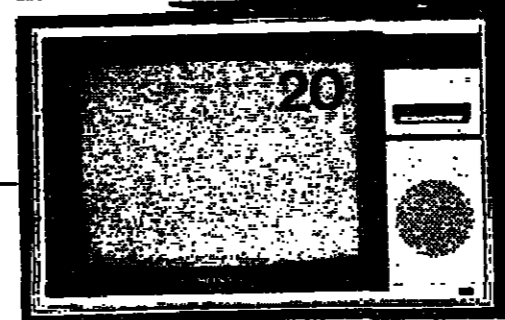
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Gemayel 'will not make' concessions to Israelis

CAIRO, Nov. 3 (AP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has told Egypt he will make no concessions to Israel to bring about the withdrawal of its forces from Lebanon. Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali said in an interview published Wednesday. Ali said Gemayel gave him this assurance when they met in Rome last month.

"The Lebanese president told me he was determined to uphold the interests of Arab Lebanon and not to make any concessions to Israel in any form under Israeli occupation," Ali told the weekly magazine *Akher Sa'a* in an interview before his departure Tuesday for Turkey.

Ali said Egypt's view was that Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon should take place as

speedily as possible "without giving Israel any rewards for its aggression on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples." He conceded that Lebanese-Israeli security arrangements were needed along the common border "but these should be on an equal footing and should not in any way detract from Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Calling for simultaneous withdrawal of Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon along with the Israelis, Ali said: "The Arab parties having forces on Lebanese territory bear a special responsibility. They should not give Israel a pretext to prolong its occupation of southern Lebanon by claiming that its security is threatened by their continued presence."

U.S. plans military office in Beirut

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (R) — The United States plans to open a military assistance office in Beirut to oversee increased arms aid being provided to strengthen the Lebanese Armed Forces, defense officials have said.

Plans for the new office were disclosed following a visit to Beirut by Francis West, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, and other U.S. officials. The defense officials here said the new office must still be approved by the Lebanese government.

They said the office, staffed initially by

advisers from U.S. forces in Western Europe, would help Lebanon's military use the American aid under President Reagan's policy of helping the new Lebanese government reassert its sovereignty. They said about \$50 million in arms aid was being made available to Lebanon, with much of it going to increase army strength.

Plans for the new office were disclosed a day after the United States approved expanding the duties of the 1,200 Marines in Lebanon with the multinational peacekeeping force to include patrols in East Beirut.

Israel engaged in N-armament-Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 3 (R) — Iraq has accused Israel of engaging in "frenzied nuclear armament" and called for the Middle East to be made a nuclear-free zone.

Addressing a U.N. debate on disarmament Tuesday, Iraqi delegate Muhammad Al-Sahaf said Israel should renounce nuclear weapons, sign the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty and place its nuclear facilities under international supervision.

Al-Sahaf blamed tension in the Middle East on what he called Israel's expansionist

policies and added: "It is also a result of the frenzied nuclear armament practised by the Zionist entity."

Citing a report in the London *Sunday Times* newspaper last May, the Iraqi delegate said there was clear evidence that Israel was collaborating with South Africa on the production of nuclear weapons and delivery systems.

"Making the Middle East a nuclear-free zone requires the prohibition of the Israeli nuclear threat," he said.

West Bank camp put under curfew

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (R) — Israeli forces imposed a curfew Wednesday on a West Bank refugee camp after Palestinians stoned Israeli cars and injured a Jewish settler, military sources said. The Al-Amari camp near Ramallah was put under curfew after Jewish settlers threatened to take matters into their own hands if security forces failed to stop the stonings.

It was the third camp curfew imposed this

week in the occupied territory, where one Arab was shot dead and several settlers were injured in recent clashes. Many of the settlers carry army-issued weapons and some have shot and killed Arab youths in past incidents.

"We are worried about orders given to soldiers to limit their actions in the territories," said Yisrael Harel, head of the Jewish Settlers' Council.

Egypt's Ali set for talks with Evren

ANKARA, Nov. 3 (AP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali, on a four-day visit to Turkey, arrived from Istanbul Wednesday for talks with Turkish Head of State Gen. Secan Evren and other officials. Ali is the first high-ranking Egyptian official to visit Turkey in 15 years and his visit is viewed here as another step toward growing rapprochement between the two nations.

Official talks are to focus on economic and

cultural ties and the Middle East question, informed sources said Wednesday. Official talks were to start with Ali's visit to Turkish counterpart Ilter Turkmen Wednesday afternoon and continue throughout Thursday.

On Friday, Ali will be received by Evren and Premier Bulend Ufusu before returning to Istanbul for a day of sightseeing on Saturday.

Hussein to brief Chinese on Arab plan

AMMAN, Nov. 3 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan will head an Arab delegation expected to visit Peking to outline an Arab Middle East peace plan, informed sources here said. They did not say when the delegation would visit the Chinese capital, but hinted it could be before the end of the year.

The delegation was set up by an Arab summit in the Moroccan city of Fez in September to brief the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council on the Arab

plan. The plan calls for an independent Palestinian state on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The same delegation, but headed by King Hassan of Morocco instead of King Hussein, visited Washington recently and held talks with President Reagan. That delegation comprised King Hassan and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan, and a representative from the Palestine Liberation Organization.

BRIEFS

ISTANBUL (AP) — A military prosecutor asked the death penalty for 113 defendants as the mass trial of 386 alleged leftist terrorists opened in an Istanbul courtroom Tuesday.

KUWAIT (AP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson will make a two-day visit to Kuwait Nov. 13 to discuss means of strengthening economic cooperation, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

KATMANDU (AP) — President Hussain Muhammad Ershad of Bangladesh is scheduled to make a two-day official visit to Nepal arriving here on Nov. 10 at the invitation of Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa, the foreign office has announced.

BEIGRADE (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived here Tuesday for a three-day official visit and talks with top Yugoslav officials, the state-run Tanjug news agency reported.

Parliament snubs Begin over economic policies

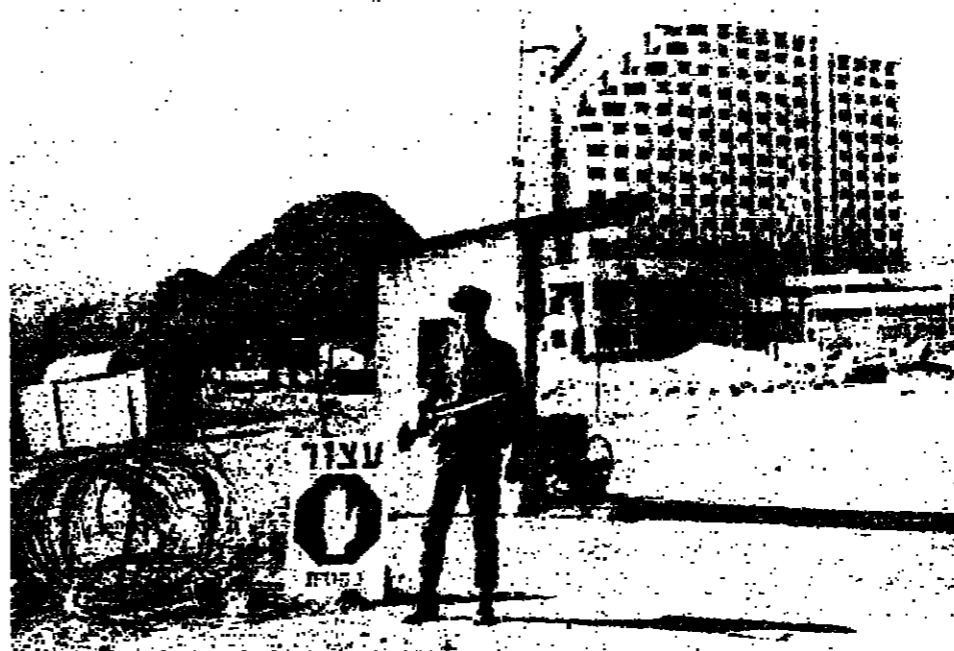
TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government failed to win majority support for its economic policies in a parliamentary vote Tuesday night and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor threatened to resign as a result. A government motion backing Aridor's economic policies failed by a 40-40 tie vote in the Knesset (parliament).

Although the vote was on the key issue of economic policy, it was not a confidence vote. Begin's coalition commands 64 votes to the opposition's 56 and has frequently beaten off no-confidence votes.

Aridor, whose economic program was bitterly attacked by the opposition, expressed disappointment at the vote and told reporters: "This was not a confidence vote in the government but it was a confidence vote for me and I lost it. I will resign unless the government gets together and expresses its support for my program."

Members of both the opposition and Begin's coalition said the tie vote resulted from the chance absence of government supporters. Ronnie Milo, a spokesman for Knesset members of the coalition parties, described the tie vote as a freak.

Opposition Labor Party Knesset member Gad Yaacobi had accused the government of "maintaining a sterile economic policy of ever mounting inflation and an increasing foreign indebtedness."



DISPUTED AREA: An Israeli soldier stands guard at the undemarcated stretch of the Israeli-Egyptian border at Tabu where a new Israeli hotel has opened. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Tuesday the construction of the hotel is a violation of the peace treaty between the two countries.

Begin to testify before massacre panel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin is to testify publicly next Monday before Israel's judicial inquiry into the massacre of Palestinians at two Beirut refugee camps last September. Begin's spokesman has said.

Begin's testimony follows an appearance by Defense Minister Ariel Sharon last week. Sharon told the three-man commission that he tried to telephone Begin on Saturday, the last day of the two-day massacre Sept. 16-17 but was unable to reach him as Begin was

observing the Jewish new year holiday.

However Sharon added that Begin had called military Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan earlier in the day "regarding some event in a hospital named Gaza Hospital." Gaza Hospital in the Sabra refugee camp was treating Palestinian wounded in the massacre. Sharon did not enlarge on his statement.

Begin has said he first heard about the massacre from radio reports late Saturday afternoon.

Zia wants to improve India ties

JAKARTA, Nov. 3 (AP) — Pakistan President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said Wednesday he and Indonesian President Suharto had agreed all foreign troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan and Cambodia.

Zia, in a statement following a three-hour meeting with Suharto, said Pakistan concurred with the Indonesian view that Vietnamese troops should leave Cambodia because "we do not agree to any regime that is established by force in Cambodia." He said the two leaders agreed the Soviet Union must pull its troops out of Afghanistan, where they are backing the government against Muslim freedom fighters.

Earlier Tuesday, Zia said his country wanted to improve relations with India as well as other neighbors. Speaking at a state banquet given in his honor by Suharto at the state palace, Zia called the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) an "effective and successful" organization for mutual cooperation and regional development of economy, culture and welfare.

"In the context of regional cooperation, I would like to make a special reference to India. We fervently desire to improve our relations with India as indeed with other neighbors," he said.

During a stopover at New Delhi en route to visits in Southeast Asia, Zia had a two-hour summit conference with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in an effort to set a smoother course for their often-troubled relations and help defuse their arms rivalry.

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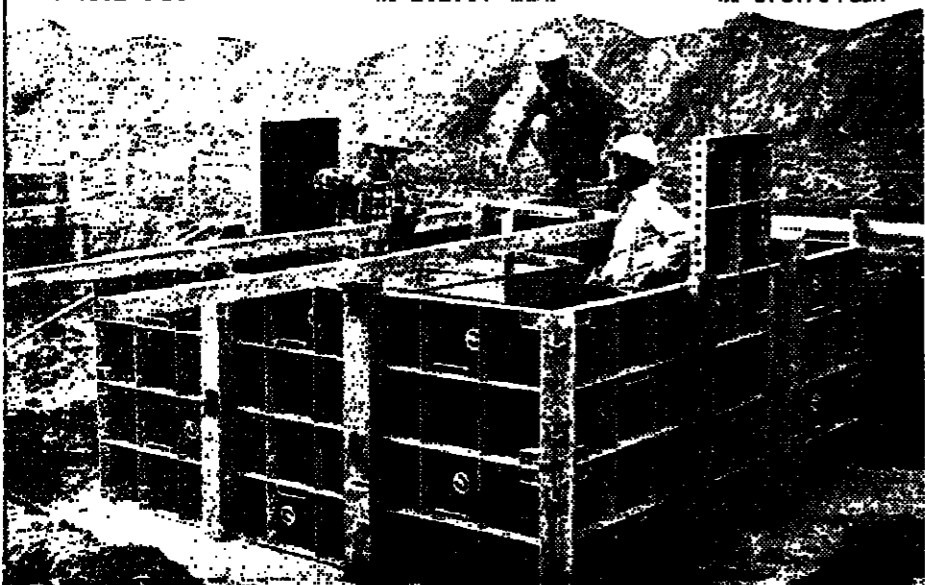
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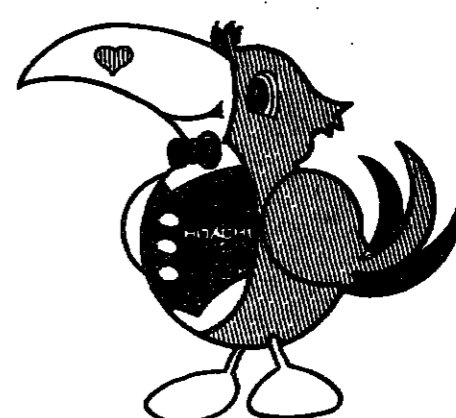
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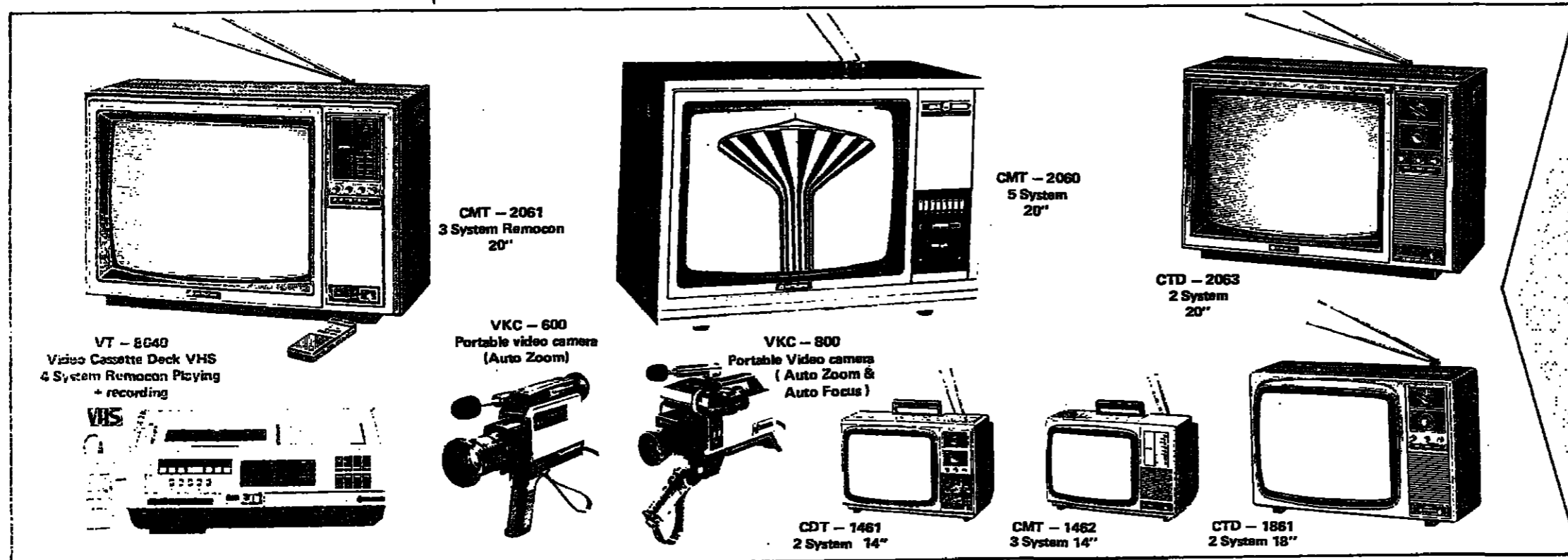


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Thus the result should enable him, if he is flexible enough, to review his economic and foreign policies. But it is doubtful if he cares sufficiently to do that. His 1984 plans are still unclear although at the rate at which his popularity is falling, he may find it difficult to get re-elected which should pave the way for the return of a Democrat to the White House.

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Saudi Arabian press review

Wednesday's newspapers highlighted the importance of King Fahd's visit to Madinah, saying it reflected the Saudi monarch's deep concern to ensure overall development of Saudi Arabia.

Al-Riyadh said King Fahd's open and frank address at the Islamic University in Madinah underlined the significance of the Kingdom's role in the Islamic arena.

"Several officials from various Saudi government departments have accompanied the King to discuss existing projects and the implementation of future plans in Madinah region," the paper added. It said this gesture reflected the Saudi leaders' keenness to follow up the development process in the country.

Al-Jadid said King Fahd had rightly stressed the Islamic University's role in spreading Islam. "Moreover, the meeting between King Fahd and the Islamic Uni-

versity professors and students means that the Saudi monarch has been closely following up the state affairs," the paper added.

It noted that such meetings were "important and practical" in running the country.

Al-Yom said King Fahd's visit to the Islamic University provided a good opportunity to acquaint himself with the university's needs and problems. The paper noted that the Saudi monarch had patiently listened to his sons and became familiarized with their views on several issues.

Al-Nadwa said King Fahd was clear and frank in answering questions raised by the students whom he briefed on a number of domestic and foreign questions. The paper hailed the meeting as unique and said the gathering further strengthened bonds between the Kingdom's leaders and its people. (SPA)

U.S., S. Africa seek to end ANC's role

By John Mattison

WASHINGTON —

A CIA document which warns of increasingly intractable tensions in South Africa has been leaked in Washington in the wake of CIA Director William Casey's unpublicized visit to the country in September. The CIA assessment points to an increasing polarization within the white South African community between those who equate reform with suicide and those who consider it essential.

In the black community, the report finds Pretoria's "failure to implement significant political reforms" has begun to erode the popularity of cooperating leaders who gambled on the government's good intentions.

The appeal of the banned African National Congress (ANC) is said to have overcome tribal animosities, with the result that radical Zulu youth are abandoning Chief Buthe's Inkatha movement in favor of the ANC.

The CIA report is the latest in a stream of leaks of the Reagan administration's southern African secrets by TransAfrica, a black American foreign policy lobby in the American capital.

The document assesses ANC strength at about 1,000 to 2,000 active members, another 2,000 to 3,000 members relatively inactive, and an annual expansion rate of 100 to 300. The number of sabotage incidents is said to have risen from 10 in 1980 to over 40 in 1982. "Much of this effort appears to be concentrated in the black homelands... of more than 40 major terrorist incidents last year, over half took place either in, or within 100 kilometers of, a black homeland."

Targets have included power stations, railway lines and military and police facilities, and operations have usually been successful. The report sees a significant new development in the ANC's young members who left South Africa after the Soweto disturbances of 1976 are becoming more powerful in the military wing.

They want a change in strategy. Whereas present ANC orders have been scrupulously to avoid civilians, some younger members want the ANC to go for targets of opportunity once in the country, almost certainly increasing casualty figures. The long-term goal of the organization is to compel Pretoria to negotiate the sharing of political power, the report says, but the strength and determination of white South African society makes that unlikely for the foreseeable future.

Pretoria will probably respond with more repression and more military operations against the ANC. The CIA warns that "U.S. businessmen could be personally threatened, particularly if blacks believe — as many do already — that the United States tacitly supports the policies of the South African government."

Casey's meetings with the South African Premier P.W. Botha, Foreign Minister R.F. Botha and military leaders were intended to review South Africa's "security concerns," according to Reagan administration officials. The administration has a deep suspicion of Soviet intentions in southern Africa, and both Washington and Pretoria want to end ANC military activity in the republic.

For the U.S. diplomatic agreement has to begin with the now faltering efforts to obtain a Cuban troops withdrawal from Angola "parallel" with a Namibian settlement which ensures that South Africa pulls its forces back inside its own borders.

American policymakers then hope to achieve "a series of understandings" which would lead Mozambique, Angola and Botswana to restrict the ANC to political activity in their countries. (ONS)

Peking mending fences with once unthinkable bedfellows

By Victoria Graham

PEKING —

China is forging a new foreign policy of pragmatism, balance and independence. It is talking again to its Soviet rival, stepping back from the United States and mending once unlikely fences worldwide.

Peking has witnessed an unprecedented parade of world leaders in the last two months.

Kim Il-Sung of North Korea, Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Zhenko Suzuki of Japan, "Muhammad Zia ul-Haq" of Pakistan, Karl Carstens of West Germany, Muammar Qaddafi of Libya and George Marchais of the French Communist Party are among those who paid their respects.

Chinese leaders, however, seldom leave their crimson-walled Communist throne room in Peking to venture abroad. Premier Zhao Ziyang, however, is expected to visit a dozen African countries in December, according to foreign diplomatic observers.

"China is carrying out a less dogmatic kind of diplomacy, a more flexible game with the Soviets and the Americans and is willing to be friendly with almost anyone who wants to be friendly," said one Western diplomatic observer.

Last week Soviet Vice Foreign Minister Leonid Ilyichev left Peking after the first consultations in three years, which both sides described as mutually satisfactory but yielding nothing concrete. A next

Hope for Namibia settlement by year-end fading

By Sidney Welland

LONDON —

Hopes that Namibia (Southwest Africa) might be set on the road toward self-rule by the end of the year are fading, with one crucial hurdle still to be overcome. Western officials say a spectacular breakthrough in the next few weeks could still keep the tortuous independence process on schedule, but that the prospects are slim.

A five-year Western effort to end South African rule has slowed down while the United States seeks a parallel deal to get Cuban troops out of neighboring Marxist Angola. Officials close to the independence negotiations say it is a "fact of life" there can be no agreement on Namibia until the U.S. and South Africa are satisfied the Cubans will leave.

This is now the only serious issue holding up a settlement that would involve the United Nations, the U.S. and other Western countries, South Africa, black African states, and guerrillas fighting a bush war in Namibia. Apart from South Africa itself, Namibia is the last significant African territory still under white control.

Last summer, Western governments said agreement was near on a complex package to end South Africa's 67-year rule, which in recent years has been in defiance of repeated U.N. rulings. South African political leaders talked confidently of striking a deal by August, then advanced the deadline to autumn.

The West hoped to get the seven-month-long independence process, to be watched over by U.N.

round will be held in Moscow.

Libyan leader Qaddafi visited Peking last week and both sides agreed to a reconciliation after a period of suspicion and criticism. Qaddafi had criticized Peking's toleration of the Camp David peace accord between Egypt and Israel. China, with its strong ties to moderate Arab states, had criticized Qaddafi's extremist and pro-Moscow policy.

China is taking the initiative to improve relations with countries and parties that once were unthinkable bedfellows. China clearly has abandoned its with-us-or-against policy of the 1960s and has shown it can tolerate disagreements with friends.

The middle kingdom today subscribes to the idea that it's better to be on good terms with everyone except Israel, South Africa and South Korea. Foreign diplomatic observers say China wants to establish itself as the champion of the Third World and a force in the Socialist and Communist movements. A major factor in its new and friendlier policy, they say, is the desire to reduce tension with its neighbors, especially the Soviet Union and India.

"Too much coziness with the United States impairs China's credibility with the Third World and Arab countries," said one European diplomat. "And tension with the Soviet Union and India also tarnishes China's image with the Third World. So diversification is necessary," he said.

China reassessed its foreign policy about a year ago, foreign observers believe, and decided it was too close to the United States and needed more

flexibility. Now all talk of a united front with the United States, Japan, Western Europe against Soviet aggression has disappeared. These are some of the signs of the new diplomacy.

Premier Zhao Ziyang recently told an Indian delegation that China will make a major, positive proposal in the forthcoming round of normalization talks in New Delhi, expected in December.

China has started normalization talks with the Soviet and Cuban-backed regime in Angola, which it once opposed.

The Chinese and French Communist Parties, which suspended relations 17 years ago during the Sino-Soviet split, have restored ties with great fanfare. Party leader Hu Yaobang indicated China wants to restore party ties with Soviet Union and East European parties.

China also is improving state relations with Eastern Europe, frozen for years because of its Soviet satellite status. Yugoslavia and Romania once were China's only friends in Eastern Europe, but relations slowly are warming with the Warsaw Pact in trade, cultural and other exchanges.

China and East Germany recently signed a major sports exchange agreement and a Sino-Bulgarian protocol calls for scientific and technical cooperation.

Ties with Western Europe, especially France and West Germany, are being strengthened. China, which wants to improve relations with the Soviets, clearly sides with Western Europe in the dispute with the United States over Soviet gas pipeline.

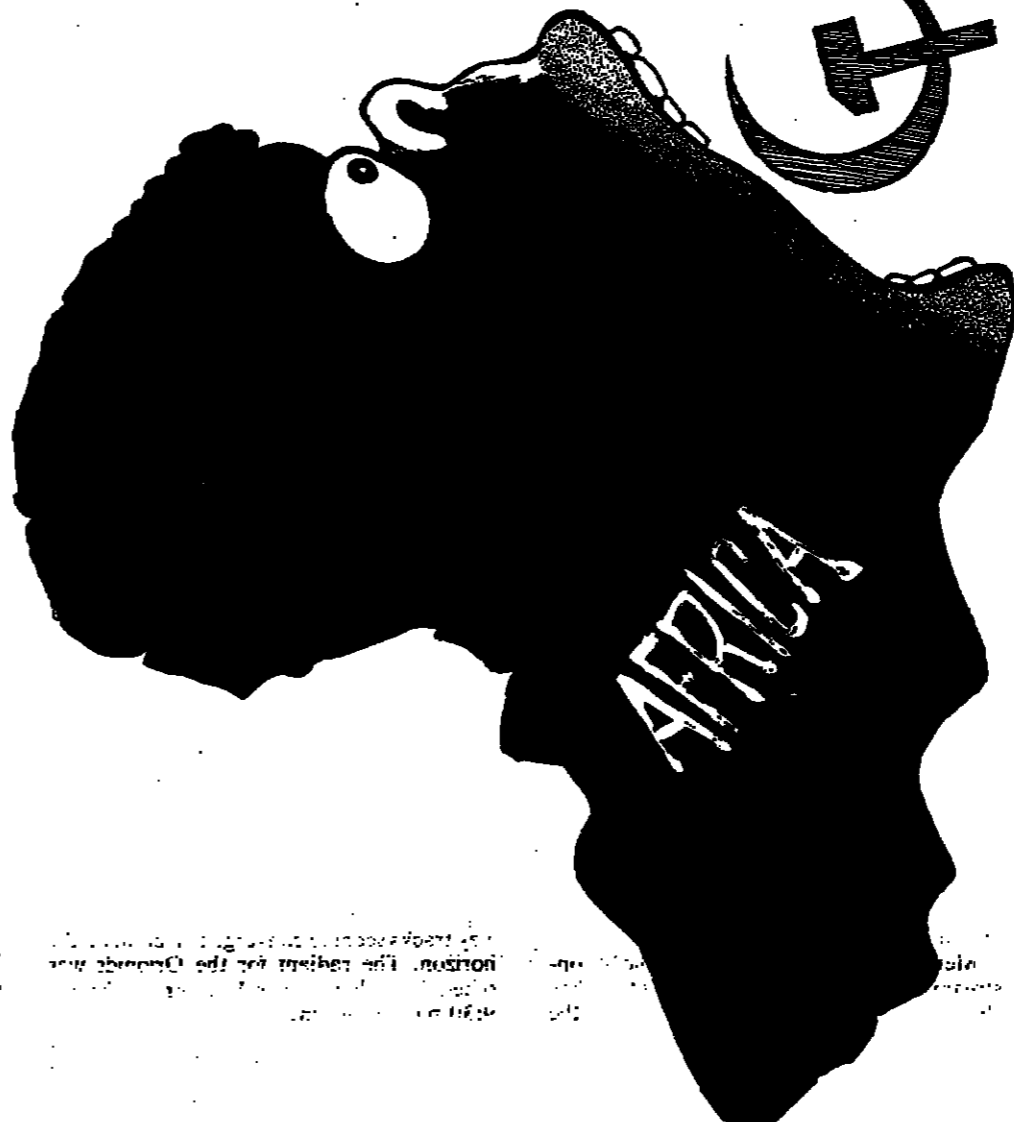
U.S. sources say there are 21,000 to 25,000 Cubans in Angola, and between 30,000 and 35,000 troops under South African control in Namibia, and that both groups must start moving out at roughly the same time.

Under a U.N. transitional plan, South African forces would be gradually thinned out while 6,500 to 7,500 U.N. troops position themselves to supervise free elections. South Africa's all-white government has said it wants all Cubans out of Angola at the start, but has hinted it may accept phased withdrawals, spread over a limited period.

Western diplomats believe Angola is ready to make an initial gesture on the Cubans, while leaving the pace of their pullout to be settled later, as the situation quiets down. But this fails to meet U.S. demands for "parallelism" in South African and Cuban withdrawals.

American diplomats say several more months of haggling may be needed before a deal can be struck. The Reagan administration has taken a lead in the independence effort. Last month, the five Western countries involved said all parties in the talks had been "constructive and flexible." A U.S. official says that apart from the Cuban issue, all other problems "could be settled in five hours."

Under Reagan, the U.S. has adopted a softer line on South Africa's policy of racial separation (apartheid), thus increasing the leverage it can exert in Pretoria. The U.S. is backing a \$1.07 billion International Monetary Fund loan to South Africa despite a 212-to-3 U.N. General Assembly vote against the credit two weeks ago. (R)



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TODAY HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 4th, the 308th day of 1982. There are 57 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1530 — England's Cardinal Wolsey is arrested as a traitor.
1576 — Spanish Navy mutinies and sacks Antwerp.
1896 — French evacuate Fashoba (in Sudan) after British protests.
1921 — Japan's Premier Takashi Hara is assassinated.
1922 — Entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt is discovered.
1931 — League of Nations accuses Japan of aggression in Manchuria.
1944 — In World War II, allies announce that Greece has been liberated from Germany's Nazis.
1956 — U.N. General Assembly adopts resolution to send international peacekeeping force to Middle East, with Britain and France opposing; Soviet forces attack Budapest, Hungary, where President Imre Nagy takes refuge in Yugoslav Embassy.
1975 — The United States closes its mission in Angola because of violent struggle between three rival liberation groups.
1976 — Britain proposes Rhodesia independence under black majority rule by March 1, 1978.
1979 — Militants seize U.S. Embassy in Tehran along with its occupants and demand the ousted Shah of Iran as ransom.

Thought for today:

I always prefer to believe the best of everybody — it saves so much trouble. — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Away from Dhahran

On counting meteors in autumn

By Gregory Llewellyn

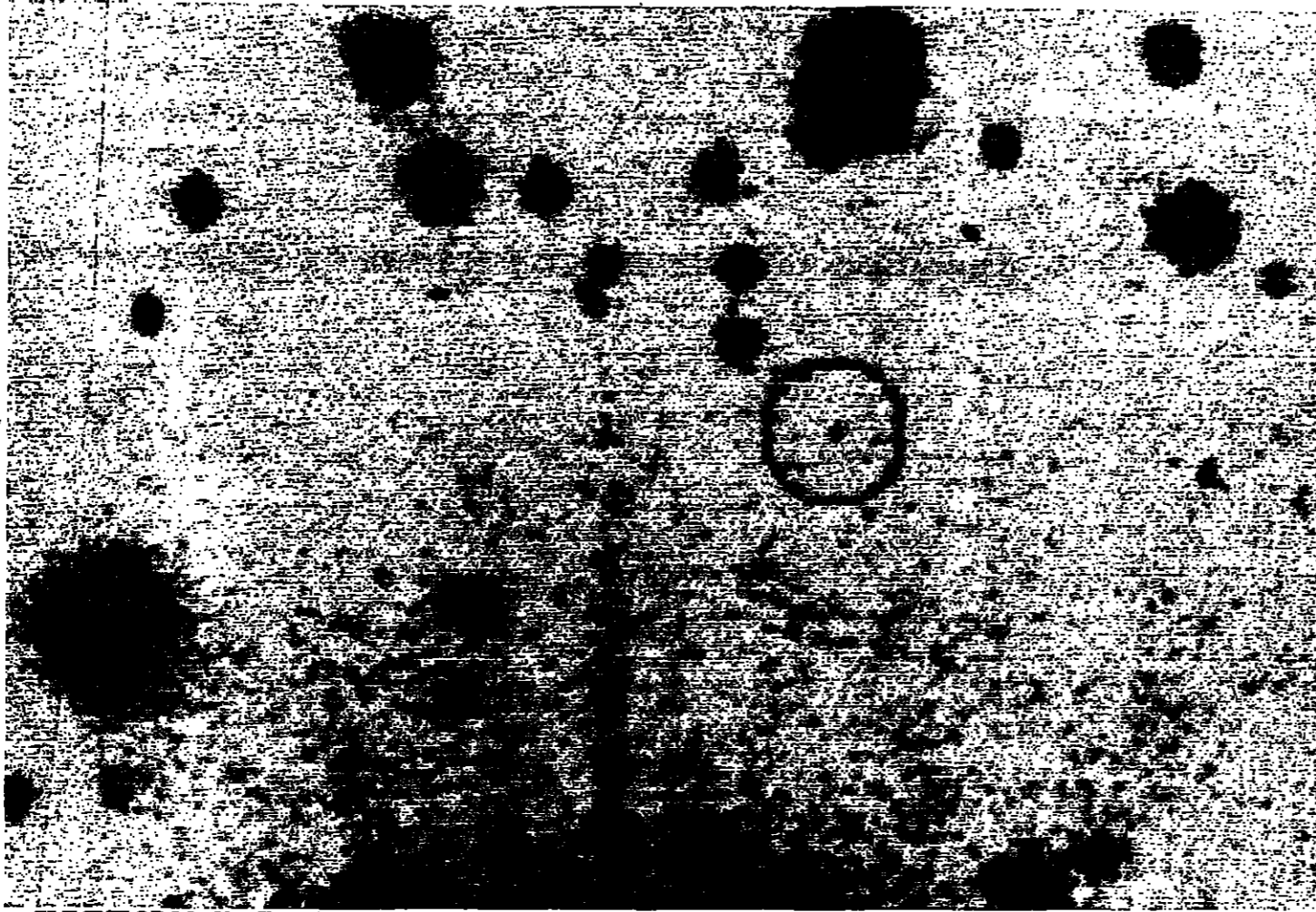
DHAHRAN — The 12 of us gathered on the beach by the light of a crescent moon. The leader of the expedition quietly issued last minute instructions and distributed the tools that we would need for that night's work. We synchronized our watches and set off single file, shunning the light, up the slope of a dune. Three-quarters to the top we stopped, made an outward-facing circle, and settled down to wait. It was 8:45 p.m. What we had come for would manifest itself in three-quarters of an hour.

The setting for these cloak-and-dagger sounding shenanigans was not Treasure Island, nor was it Long John Silver's buried gold. We had come to dig up, our locale was Half Moon Bay, just outside Dhahran, and the evening's quest was more ethereal than earthly riches. We had come to observe a phenomenon deeply rooted in Arab scientific heritage: The passing through the earth's atmosphere of meteoroids.

Such meteoroids, as Ralph Chism, our expedition leader, explained, then are called "meteors". When these sun-orbiting particles of metal or silicate rock strike the earth's surface, they become known as "meteorites." Although in a 24-hour period as many as 25 million meteoroids enter the earth's atmosphere, only 1,000 per year are big enough to clobber earth. Incidences of people or property actually being struck by a meteorite — most of which are the size of a grain of sand — are rare. Close encounters of this kind include a 1954 episode in which an Alabama woman was struck in the leg as she lay in bed and a 1938 piercing of a garage and car roof by a meteorite which came to rest, after traversing the car seat, on the floor of the vehicle. The only extraterrestrial fatality known to Chism, whose "serious interest" in astronomy dates back about 10 years, was an Egyptian dog, hit by a meteorite at an indeterminate date.

Some times of the year are better to observe meteors than others. August, as readers of John Barth novels will remember, is the "best" month since the earth is then passing through a stream of meteors known as Perseids. The Arabian Natural History Association (ANHA), under whose auspices we 12 amateur astronomers were assembling, had been unable to mount a meteor count that month, and ANHA was now organizing such a count at what Chism described as "the third best time," the month of October when the earth passes through the Orionid stream.

The night chosen for our meteoric observation began inauspiciously. It was so overcast that few stars were visible. We waited with the patience which is essential for meteor watchers. Chism had advised us to pair off, one to observe, the other to record what was observed. For this, each of the company was armed with a flashlight and a sort of tally sheet on which to register the time of the meteor sighting, its direction, color, and behavior. This tally sheet, a two-part map of the heavens coordinated in terms of the months of the year, and a pencil were the



GLIMPSE OF COMET: Halley's Comet (circled) is shown as detected by astronomers at the California Institute of Technology through an advanced electronic detector system last month. The discovery marks the first detection of the comet on its current approach to the sun.

"tools" needed for the night's work.

Our luck changed with a gradual, yet perceptible, passing of the cloud cover. First constellation to appear was one called "Grus", to the southeast of our dune and just above the horizon. Chism pointed out one of the stars in the constellation, known by its Arabic name — "Al Neir".

During the Middle Ages, astronomers named stars in the constellations known to astronomers everywhere by their Greco-Roman names like Aquarius, Aries, and Taurus. These Arabic names persist. As the stars which they denote came into view, Chism identified them. The Arabic translation of Greek astronomical knowledge, the *Almagest*, became the fundamental treatise on the subject for European astronomers during the Renaissance.

A sudden yellowish darting across the southern sky brought the assembled to life. Our first meteor sighting, which terminated obligingly smack dab in the only constellation most of us could identify — Grus — was attributed to a "sporadic meteor".

Meteors are classified as "sporadic" (non-stream) and "stream", which means that they share a common, elliptical orbit about the sun. The Orionid meteor stream which we had come to observe arrives from the east, i.e.

from the direction of the constellation Orion after which it is named; this first sighting of the evening, in the reverse direction, was thus judged to be "sporadic".

Despite their constellation-derived names like Perseids and Orionids, meteors are thought to originate from comets whose own orbits bring them into the proximity of the sun. Their ice melts and meteoroids are released. In the earth's atmosphere, meteors can attain temperatures of the order of 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit at which ionization of atoms occurs and gives rise to the distinctive trails of light which are observed on the earth's surface. Orionids are associated with Halley's Comet which will be visible to the naked eye here, after an absence of 76 years, in late 1985-early 1986. It has already been sighted by telescope a daunting one billion miles away!

Meteors in a stream follow approximately parallel paths. Yet they appear to an earth-bound observer to emerge from a point, or a region, called the radiant, much the way railway tracks seem to converge to a point on the horizon. The radiant for the Orionids was scheduled to have over the eastern horizon at 9:30 p.m. local time.

At half Moon Bay 9:30 came and went with no spectacular explosion of meteors

zooming overhead. The initial sighting of a sporadic meteor was followed by an interval of 15 minutes during which there was little to do but gaze at the panoply of stars as the clouds parted to reveal the distant suns of the galaxy. In meteor showers, sightings can come at the clip of two a second; but in the Orionid stream, meteors are, on average, 100 kms. apart and they travel at a speed of 150,000 miles per hour. To make meteor-counting an even more sporadic occupation, Chism explained, the only particles of cometic peel-off which we would be able to spot would have to enter the earth's atmosphere at a point no more than 200 kms. away from Dhahran. On a globe which he carried to illustrate this fact, this region was represented by a thumb tack neatly inserted on the southern shore of the Arabian Gulf at the latitude of Dhahran.

In the course of two hours, Chism's party sighted six meteors, including the initial sporadic one. Your correspondent missed them all, except for the first and the last, an Orionid which spot through the northern sky in the prescribed manner. His 14-year-old son and recorder, however, wearied by so much star gazing and lulled by the cool, sea-side breeze, was too deeply asleep to take note of the event.

Refugee resettlement an uphill task

Millions destined to live on charity forever

By John Rogers

LONDON (R) — Successive political crises in Asia, Africa and Latin America have turned the once-manageable problem of refugees into a permanent international headache.

An estimated 10 million refugees, most of them in the Third World and half in Africa, are crowded into camps in various trouble spots. Some will be able to return home eventually or settle in their adopted countries, but others risk becoming permanent refugees, destined to live on international charity.

Experts fear continuing instability in many Third World countries, coupled with recession in the West, is hardening attitudes. "As soon as we get to grips with one crisis, another overtakes us," a British aid worker says. "As you get more hard-line regimes, you get more refugees."

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), warned last March that the flow of people from some areas had reached "hemorrhage proportions."

UNHCR officials coordinating refugee resettlement say the atmosphere is bad. "It's an uphill struggle," one commented. "The psychological climate for resettlement is not as welcoming as it was in the late seventies."

International efforts at that time, led by the United States, Canada, Australia and Western Europe were centered on the dramatic flight of hundreds of thousands of people from Communist South Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea. Since then, the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan three years ago and upheavals in Africa and Central America have expanded the UNHCR's burden.

Some 2.7 million Afghan refugees living in neighboring Pakistan constitute the world's biggest current refugee problem, which UNHCR officials hope will eventually be solved by their being able to return home. The official list the 700,000 Ethiopian refugees living in camps in Somalia as the next most critical burden. Sudan has about 570,000 refugees, most of them from Ethiopia.

Western governments, despite recession at home, have maintained their financial contributions to U.N. relief efforts. At a crisis meeting last year, donors pledged \$560 million to help refugees in Africa. The UNHCR budget, only \$5.5 million in 1965 and \$69 million 10 years later, soared to \$474 million last year.

But the West is taking in fewer refugees. Domestic economic difficulties and new refugee problems, such as the plight of tens of thousands of Poles who fled Poland during its two-year-old crisis, have diverted the attention of governments.

The most pressing Third World case is that of the Indochinese, who require resettlement whereas the Afghans, Africa's five million refugees and the 287,000 in Central America are being aided within their continents. More

than 700,000 Indochinese refugees — including 400,000 "boat people" who fled Vietnam by sea — have been resettled in the past five years, and emptying refugee camps in Southeast Asia remains the top long-term priority, UNHCR officials say.

But the United States has tightened its criteria for what constitutes a refugee, and quotas for fugitives from Indochina are falling. The U.S. plans to take 98,000 refugees in the coming year, including 68,000 from Indochina, compared with totals of 158,000 in 1981 and 215,000 the previous year.

Though Australia's annual quotas are steady at more than 20,000, Canada's have fallen from 16,000 government-sponsored refugees last year to 14,000. The recession has also meant fewer persons can afford to sponsor refugees privately.

Refugees accepted in the West are often the first to suffer in the recession. Promised

jobs do not materialize and those with jobs are often the first to go when layoffs start.

Thailand, which has borne the brunt of the Indochina exodus since 1975, gave Western countries a three-month deadline in September to take more refugees. More than 100,000 refugees from camps in that country were resettled last year. But of the 180,000 in Thai camps now the government reckons only 40,000 will be resettled this year, although 35,000 new fugitives have already arrived during the first 10 months.

Thai officials warned that if more refugees were not resettled, they would be sent back across the Indochina borders — a last-ditch solution which would spark criticism on humanitarian grounds from the UNHCR and Western governments.

U.S. Attorney General William French Smith said his country would speed up its processing of applications but would not

relax its strict criterion that a refugee must have a "well-founded fear of persecution". Until this requirement was stressed this year, Washington considered all fugitives from Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos — where it backed the defeated anti-Communist forces during the Indochina War — to be refugees.

The current U.N. Commissioner, Poul Hartling, says that determining who qualifies as a refugee, rather than an "economic migrant" seeking better living standards, is a major problem resulting from the increase in refugee numbers of recent years.

In its effort to keep Western doors open, the UNHCR has enlisted the aid of late scientist Albert Einstein, who became an American citizen after fleeing Nazi Germany in 1933. "A bundle of belongings isn't the only thing a refugee brings to his new country," a UNHCR poster reads. "Einstein was a refugee."



VIETNAM MEMORIAL: The Indochina War has left behind an agonizing trail of woe and misery, with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing South Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea to distant countries. Seen here is Washington's memorial for the Vietnam veterans, which is to be dedicated shortly.

Britain increasing television offerings

By Edith M. Lederer

LONDON (AP) — Britain is increasing its television offerings, which will soon include American football. Australia's Paul Hogan comedy series and the country's first hour-long nightly news program. It all will be seen on channel 4, the first new TV service in Britain in 18 years, which goes on the air Tuesday afternoon.

After decades of public debate over its content, channel 4 makes its debut with a non-controversial word game show called "Countdown." But its prime-time offering Tuesday night will be a TV movie called *Walrus*. The film, the harrowing story of a mentally handicapped man, has been described by one critic as "one of the most shocking films ever seen on TV."

The new independent channel, launched with 104 million pounds (\$177 million) put up by Britain's 14 commercial TV production companies, has been charged by parliament with providing "a distinctive service."

Channel 4 is Britain's second commercial station. The other is Independent Television or ITV. There are two non-commercial channels, BBC1 and BBC2, run by the publicly funded British Broadcasting Corp. Critics given a preview of its programs say channel 4 shows every sign of setting itself apart. Whether viewers like what's offered remains to be seen.

Chief executive Jeremy Isaacs, a 49-year-old veteran TV producer, predicts channel 4 will win a large percent share of the viewing audience by the end of its second year.

Advertising executives and Isaacs' competitors in the BBC were some what less optimistic. They noted that it took BBC2, which was launched in 1964 and is viewed as

channel 4's main competitor, nearly 18 years to attract about 10 percent of the British audience. Another marketing executive commented that the programs were "geared to punks, rastafarians and the Irish."

Isaacs said his critics are looking at pieces of a jigsaw, not the whole picture. "We are saying to people, 'you may not like all of what we're doing, but there's something there for you.'" For the rastafarians, there's "deep roots music" featuring Jamaican Reggae on Friday evenings. For the Irish, there's "Irish Angle" on Sunday afternoons. For the punks, there's "The Tube" and several other rock shows.

Channel 4 also will have an all-women's view of current affairs, a physical fitness show, a soap opera set in a Liverpool public-housing complex, a magazine program for old-age pensioners and a consumer guide for shoppers.

In a cultural bash next Sunday, Luciano Pavarotti will sing "Idomeneo" in a telecast from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, followed by part one of the Royal Shakespeare Co.'s acclaimed dramatization of Charles Dickens' *Nicholas Nickleby*.

Channel 4 isn't making any of its own programs. Most will come from Britain's 14 commercial TV production companies or from a battery of independent companies that have sprung up to service the new channel. Imports will include weekly American football and basketball, reruns of the popular American comedy *I Love Lucy* and Australia's Paul Hogan show which has topped ratings in that country for 10 days.

With breakfast television and cable television looming on the horizon, channel 4's debut has raised questions about how much TV 56 million Britons can absorb.

Farmers of South Tyrol moving to new pastures

By Guy Dinmore

BOLZNO, Italy, (R) — The hill farmers of northern Italy's South Tyrol, described as the "Third World of the Alps," are leaving their homes in search of a better life in the valleys below.

Once a corner of the Austrian-Hungarian empire but now an autonomous province in Italy, south Tyrol is dominated by snow-capped mountains where isolated families have scraped a living from the steep slopes for centuries. Now the lure of the towns with money to be made from tourists and well paid jobs in industry is tempting many of the German-speaking families away from their farms.

Thirty years ago, some 38 percent of South Tyrol's work force depended on the land for their living. Now, according to official figures, they number just 12 percent of the 430,000 population despite subsidies from the provincial government.

"I need more sons, not more machines," Cyrclok Windig told reporters from Austria, standing outside the farm he shares with his wife and seven children. Windig struggles to eke out an existence from five hectares of pasture and some forest land at a height of 1,500 meters where trees begin to give way to rocks and winter lasts for six months.

"Of course, I would like to move to a farm down in the valleys too, but how could I afford it?" Windig asked. "And I would never want to work in a factory in a town," he added.

Windig is in fact prosperous compared with many other hill farmers. He has a small tractor, 13 cows, six calves, a television set but no telephone, and a good road runs from the village of Pfalzen in the valley to his home of stone and wood. A bus calls each day to take his children to school.

But according to the statistics office in the provincial capital of Bolzano, 1,500 hill farms can be reached only by foot, 2,500 have bad communications, and some 5,000 have poor supplies of drinking water.

The average family income of farmers depending on pasture, the mainstay of the hill people, is four million lira (\$2,800) a year, about a third of the average income of

valley farmers. Ten years ago, South Tyrol, two-thirds of whose people speak German as their first language, had a total of 27,000 farms. In 1980 there were about 18,000 and one in every ten subsisted on one hectare or less, according to official figures.

In the 1950s many farmers left the hills to work in the province's booming tourist trade, but later industry became the main attraction and today some farmers work part-time in factories to supplement their meager incomes.

An association called the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Alpenländer linking the Alpine regions of Austria, West Germany, Switzerland, and Italy has recognized the plight from the 'lead as a major problem.

"The 30-year-old 'working group' which concentrates on economic and cultural issues, has recommended measures to national and regional governments to encourage farmers to stay in the mountains. The recommendations include setting up small-scale industries, promoting tourism, improving communications and preserving the environment.

The provincial government, formed by the right-wing Peoples Party, grants subsidies to the farmers. Critics, mainly among Italian-speakers who are concentrated in industry, say the Peoples Party is more concerned about preserving the backbone of German culture. The subsidies could be used to help the farmers, described by German-speakers as "first sons of the nation" set up homes in the valleys, they argue.

Aldo Gorfier, an Italian journalist and author of the book *The Heritage of Loneliness*, a documentary on the life of the hill people, described them as the "Third World of the Alps" and an "economic sub-proletariat."

The structure of the Hill Farmers' Society has also contributed to its gradual decline. In 1770 Austrian Empress Maria Theresa decreed that farms were to be handed down intact to the eldest son on the death of the father, and not divided among his siblings. As a result many younger brothers did not have the means to marry and either stayed on the farms as bachelor workers or sought their fortunes in the valleys.

Poor winning literacy race

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI (LOS) — The poorest African countries once also had the continent's highest illiteracy rates, but that is no longer so. On the contrary, some have become models of the way to eradicate illiteracy. One of the best examples is Somalia.

Ten years ago a written language was created for the country by experts from UNESCO and other organizations. The literacy rate for adults then was a meager 5 percent, among the worst in the world. Today the Somali government claims more than 60 percent of its four million people can read and write.

Few other African countries have been able to make such rapid progress — especially those with large populations. Nigeria, now with a population exceeding 85 million, had a literacy rate of 25 percent in 1970.

One nation which is very proud of its progress is Ethiopia, long one of Africa's most backward states, with abysmal living conditions for its predominantly peasant population of 40 million.

The Marxist government of Mengistu Haile Mariam has millions of its citizens busily acquiring literacy skills in Amharic, the major language, with others learning to read and write in Oromo, Tigrean, Somali and Wolaita.

An eight-year campaign starting in 1979 instantly achieved one spectacular result; an intake of 1,300,000 adults was expected but more than six million turned up for the first classes. Now that the literacy campaign is reaching out to remote areas far from towns, progress has slowed markedly.

According to official statistics, the government brought a total of 60,000 literacy teachers into the campaign's initial stages.

Literacy teaching at that time was combined with campaigns for land reform, ending feudalism and "re-apportionment" of dwellings.

Many "new literates" were added to the teaching force and during holidays more than 17,000 university students were deployed as teachers in the remote areas, for the most part camping out in the bush and depending on local people for food.

In addition to the main campaign, which started in the bigger towns and worked its way out to the thinly populated areas, a "safety net" of remedial classes was introduced to cope with dropouts.

Follow-up classes were provided to give the new literates practice in reading and booklets were printed giving simple hints on health care, sanitation and nutrition as part of "functional literacy."

In contrast to the drive and determination in Ethiopia, Kenya's literacy program to the south has remained fairly low-key since the first flush of publicity at the start in 1978. The planners have now had to amend their target of 100 percent literacy in Kenya by the year 2000 to a more realistic 80 percent. It is unlikely that even this target can be achieved but if it is, it will be a remarkable advance from the low figure of 30 percent literacy in 1975 (now reportedly up to 48 percent).

A serious obstacle discovered at the start of Kenya's campaign was the refusal of most men, especially elders, to attend classes with women. They were too embarrassed to admit their ignorance in front of their wives and women friends. Orders then went out to arrange separate classes, using up scarce resources, although achieving a higher male attendance rate. Ethiopia had the same problem, and got over it by arranging classes for women in the afternoons and men in the evenings.

Technically speaking

Simple tasks that are difficult to perform

By Y. Tahir

Conquering Mount Everest, crossing the Atlantic in a small papyrus boat, swimming across the English Channel, or winning a gold medal in the Olympics — these are the exploits reserved for born heroes. Seeking adventures in ocean depths, in the heart of the jungle or in the vast, uncharted expanses of the deserts, or parajumping, skiing, surfing etc. call for an adventurous spirit; call for more than ordinary nerve and nerve in a man, and these days, in a woman also.

But for most of us, who are endowed with an ordinary or less than ordinary desire for adventure, even the most commonplace, boring and irksome simple tasks in our daily lives are not without their difficulties. However, a man prone to fall into danger will still manage to do so despite everything else. Like the legendary fisherman who netted and opened the bottle with the genie trapped inside. Opening of the bottle was one thing, but the fisherman deserves real praise for coaxing the genie to re-enter the bottle, which, then the poor man sealed again!

Most of us, of course, don't meet such great adventures but experience shows that trying to open a bottle is indeed not less than a venture, if not an adventure. As the saying goes, there is many a slip between the cup and the lip. Most of the tasks that look to be mere trifles, if someone else is doing them, I hate to admit, are not so easy after all if I have to do them myself.

Opening of the sealed medicine bottles has never been regarded an easy job. First, you have to cut along the marked line on the metallic cap using a sharp blade or knife. When you have accomplished this, without cutting your fingers in the process, you discover to your chagrin, that the lower cut-out portion of the cap starts moving when you move it in the anti-clockwise direction. The more you try it, the more frustrated you become. In this type of situation, a man easily runs out of all patience; he may not even wait for the expert help to arrive. Drastic remedies call for drastic measures. In this particular case, it means that you put the point of the kitchen knife in the cork and strike it hard on

the floor, with any of these two results: either the top comes off or the bottle gets broken. If the latter happens, you have to go, grumbling, to the pharmacy again.

Whatever possibility there was of opening the medicine bottles successfully has all but vanished with the introduction of the so-called "child-proof" bottles. They are so difficult for the adults to open that nothing short of a hammer and chisel seem to have any effect, or alternatively, you can call in a child who should normally be able to open it in a jiffy. "Child-proof" probably means that it is a proof against almost anybody except a child.

In the pre-plastic, pre-synthetic fiber days, which may now be described as the good old days, I still remember that most of the bottles used to come with the stoppers of cork — the genuine natural thing. The bottle-openers came equipped with the spiralling cork-screw. Such openers can still be had today, but the cork is retained for the old times' sake only. Trying to open the tightly corked bottles was never easy. Pulling up the cork with a pair of pliers was a helpless task: the upper part would break loose, leaving the bulk still tight in the neck of the bottle. Using the cork-screw didn't prove any greater help either, because, quite often, the upper part would get separated from the lower. Usually the way out was actually the way in, that is pushing the remainder all the way down to the neck of the bottle and finding or making some rolled paper to act as a stopper.

The opening of a bottle of jam or marmalade etc. cannot be delayed at the breakfast, when the kids are getting ready for the school and you have to rush to the office. Putting the cover in hot water may have the excellent scientific law of the expansion of the metals to support it, but I have found the procedure to be cumbersome. The truth is that I have never been entirely successful with it. You can put the top of the bottle in the hinges of a door, secure it tightly and then turn the bottle. (All doors may not have been designed to meet this specific requirement.)

In case of failure, you can always fall back (not literally, of course) on the kitchen knife. You may, however, succeed in damaging the

knife only. Considering that the items in the kitchen are under the special care of the mistress, the compensation would normally involve much more than the mere market price of the item. If one's technical skill comes under attack, there is very little that can be said in defense.

Finally, you may have no other alternative but to use the extreme measures. That is a hammer and.... Keep some other wide-mouthed bottle handy for the transference of the contents. Meticulous care is required so that the pieces of broken glass don't get carried with the jam etc.

Comparatively speaking, opening the canned fruits, vegetables etc. is a joke. You can work wonders with an ordinary tin-cutter. Once you establish the contraption at the correct place, it is easy sailing all the way to the end. The only insignificant problem is that the top invariably falls into the can.

Opening of the soft-drink cans also does not require a mastery over the technique involved. But if you are not careful enough in pulling the pop-top exactly straight, it comes off in your hand leaving a very small hole, through which the liquid can barely trickle drop by drop. At home you can put the can upside down over a glass, giving an hour or so for the completion of the process. In emergencies, a hammer and a small chisel, used in conjunction with each other, are known to have yielded gratifying results. Outside, you have no choice but to buy another drink.

Every day millions of cans, bottles etc. are sold at the supermarkets and medicine stores. Almost everyone living in this modern age of ours, has had to struggle with a bottle or can. The simple art of opening these might not be so simple for some people after all. It is difficult to imagine any simpler or better device than the prevalent ones, but one desires that the manufacturers would consider, instead of packing the contents in foolproof containers, using the cans or bottles which could be opened by all.

Many other simple-seeming tasks may not be so simple for some. Accident-prone people have a propensity for knocking into things or other persons more than they themselves

or others might desire. Such a person cannot normally leave a room without upsetting a chair or hurting his knee with a table. If he crosses these hurdles safely, he would be sure to hit his shoulder or arm against the door, as he goes out. Some people may not prove to be very safe if they are entrusted with the carrying of fragile or brittle things: their hands might involuntarily let the things slip.

For some, opening the locked doors may prove to be a well-nigh impossible task; someone else may do it in no time. Suitcase locks often prove to be very troublesome. The small little keys get all mixed up; using the wrong key with some force and determination twists the key and damages the lock, which makes it still more difficult to open. Hating to reveal my own lack of dexterity in such matters in public, I have found it practically wise not to actually lock the suitcases. (Don't mention it to others, please!)

The amateur photographer who manages to get his masterpieces exposed while trying to pull the film out of the camera, has nobody to blame but his own clumsy handling of the equipment. Changing a fused light is a daunting task for many otherwise dauntless persons.

One would suspect, rightly in many instances, that many a slipped disc is the direct result of the slipped foot in the bathroom. Many bruised fingers or hurt knees are a living testimony of how difficult it sometimes becomes to hammer in a nail on the wall for hanging a picture, if the hand, the foot or the stool slips.

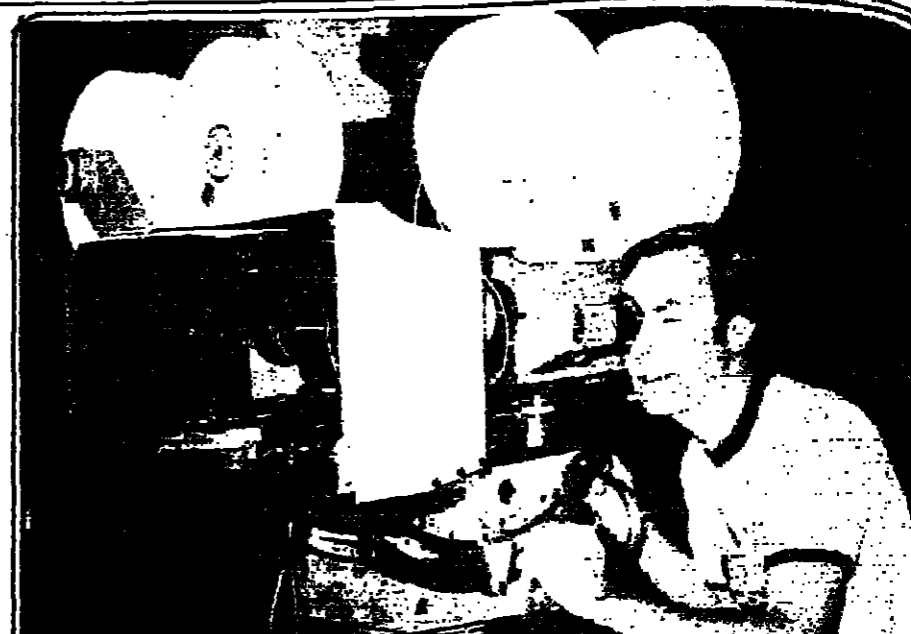
It is hard to think of a person who has not felt frustration at one time or the other, while trying to perform some very simple tasks. Even though the reliable figures are lacking in this respect, it won't be probably wrong to assume that the total number of small little injuries suffered in the performance of the simplest tasks far exceeds the number of injuries suffered while doing the most difficult and dangerous jobs, or while pursuing highly perilous adventures.

Transplant centers

By a science correspondent

LONDON (LPS) — The immediate future of Britain's program of heart transplants has been ensured by the U.K. government's decision to provide 350,000-pound backing for two transplant centers in London and Cambridge.

Fears that the country's heart transplant program would be halted because of a shortage of money have been lifted by Health Minister Kenneth Clarke's announcement that funds would be provided to cover operations during 1983. A grant of 200,000 pounds will go to Papworth Hospital near Cambridge with another 150,000 pounds going to Harefield Hospital in London.



3-D EFFECT: Three-dimensional films are staging a comeback with a new advanced 70 mm camera developed in Hollywood. The films made by using this camera will give the viewers the 3-D effect without the help of primitive glasses. Dr. Richard Vetter, whose United Artists' Theater Circuit is planning six 3-D films, is seen here using the new camera.

Simple birth control device under investigation in U.S.

By Maryann Stokolos

NEW YORK, (R) — A team of doctors here is investigating a new method of birth control for women that requires only yearly attention and could do away with side effects associated with taking the pill. Central to the study is a tiny time-release pellet — about the size of a grain of rice — that the doctors have been implanting under the skin of volunteers.

The doctors say the implants, which completely dissolve in the body after about a year, when placed under the skin of the forearm could be "more advantageous to a patient's well being" than the birth control pill. Currently, seven to eight million women in the United States use the pill as a contraceptive despite the fact that it has been associated by some medical studies with increased risk of cancer or circulatory problems.

The clinical study of the birth control implants, led by Dr. G.N. Gupta of the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, has the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The doctors have sought FDA approval only for the implant device and not for the drug it releases because that substance is already widely used in pill form.

The implant pellet is a new method of delivery of an already known substance, norethindrone (NET), a synthetic form of the hormone progesterin, which has been used in the United States for more than 20 years in birth control pills.

The doctors said a disadvantage of dispens-

ing NET in pill form was that the dosage levels at different times of the day. The peak dosage, which is higher than is actually needed for contraception, could cause symptoms of discomfort and also side effects in the patients. Dr. Robert Landerman, a spokesman for the team of doctors, said. He said the level produced by the implant maintains a sustained dosage level "below the toxic level and above the level required for contraception."

Phase I of the clinical study was conducted on 10 women in New York, Texas, Chile, Brazil and Mexico. In phase I, NET pellets were implanted under the skin of the women, who had normal reproductive cycles and normal blood pressure. After collecting a blood sample per week from each volunteer, the doctors said that among the original 10 women in the study, "the NET pellet produced no significant reactions or side effects."

After seven months of using two pellets, a woman in the study became pregnant, so the doctors have decided to use three and four implants during phase 2 of the study, which will be conducted over a year.

"In phase 2 we are looking for a release level of the dosage which will be ideal — which will produce no symptoms, provide contraception and which will prevent any toxic effects on the individual," Dr. Landerman said. According to the doctors, phase 2 of the study will be carried out with three and four NET pellets per subject over a year in 12 fertile volunteers.

NEXT WEEK
Dr. Steincrohn discusses...

Saturday, Nov. 6

Some people think that the young are immune to depression, but it can occur at any age.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Children are too young to wear contact lenses. As a child grows, myopia may increase, requiring frequent changes of contact lenses. They are also less likely to take hygienic care of their lenses.

Monday, Nov. 8




Patients should be less concerned about gaining the doctor's respect than protecting their own health.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

It isn't easy for a doctor to keep on giving advice that isn't heeded.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Some people feel as if boredom is killing them. Dr. Steincrohn recommends the book "Peace From Nervous Tension Suffering."


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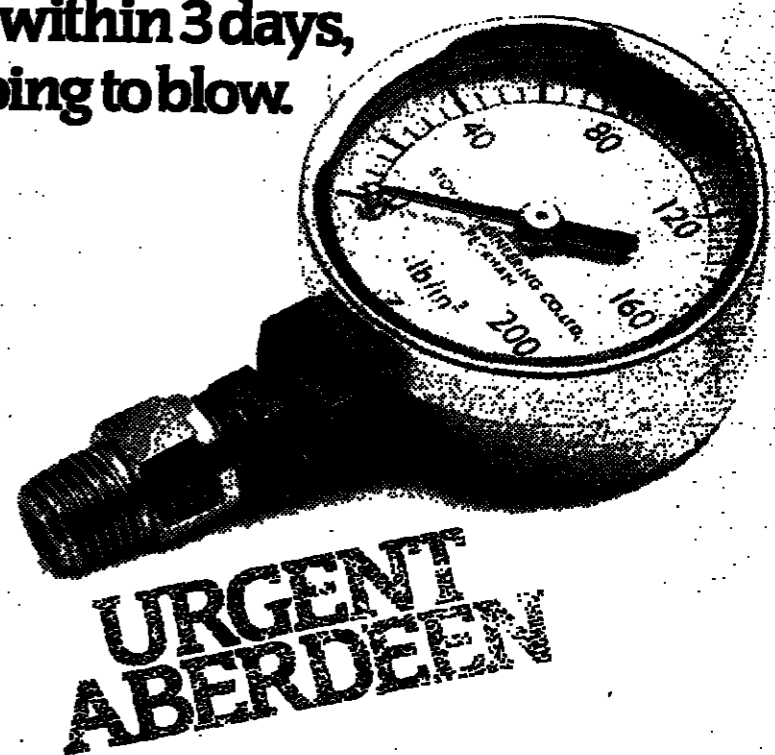
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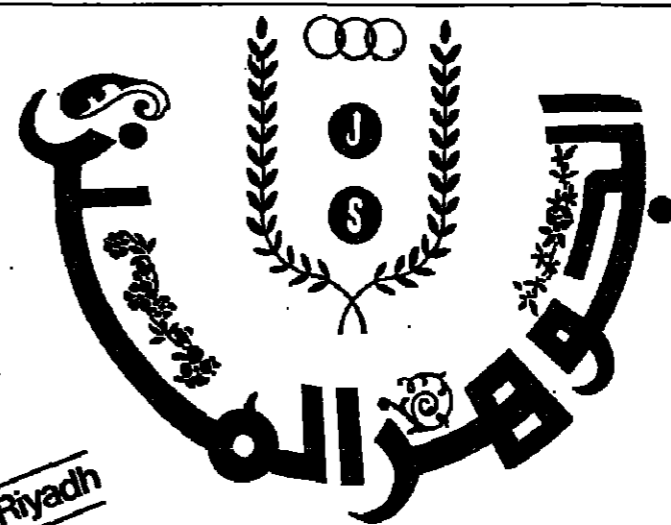


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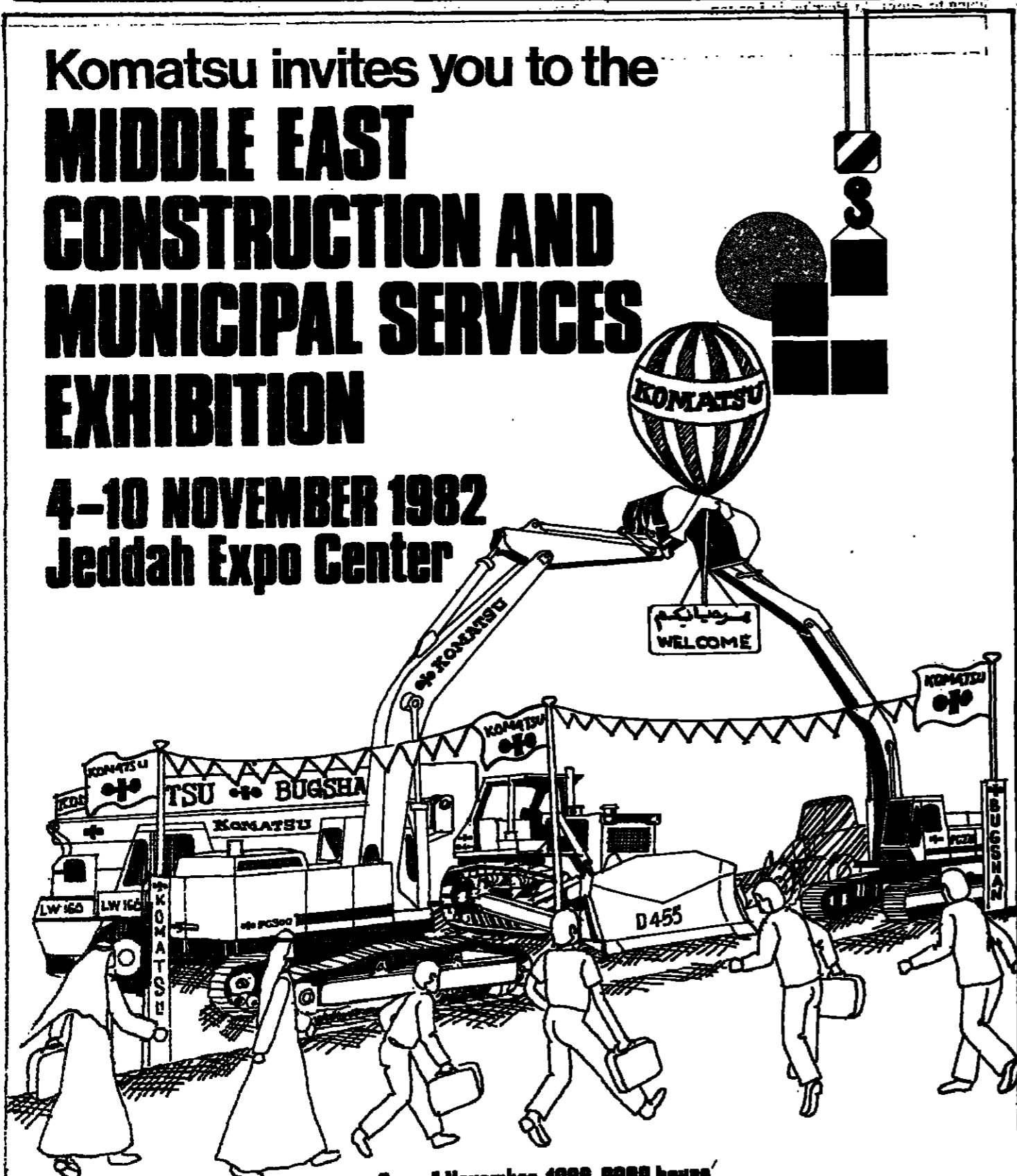
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Superpowers blame each other

Arms talks near deadlock

MOSCOW, Nov. 3 (AP) — American unwillingness to bargain in good faith has nearly deadlocked U.S.-Soviet talks to limit or reduce nuclear arms, a prominent Soviet military spokesman said Tuesday.

The remarks, distributed by the Soviet news agency Novosti, came less than a week after a stern foreign policy address by President Leonid I. Brezhnev, who urged a military buildup and closer ties with China to curb what he called American adventurism.

Gen. Nikolai Chervov, who often speaks for the Kremlin in military affairs, charged that "the United States shows no real interest in progress at either the strategic arms talks or the negotiations on limiting nuclear arms in Europe."

Chervov's remarks appeared to be an authoritative Soviet assessment of both sides of talks, taking place in Geneva. The two sides previously agreed not to discuss the negotiations publicly.

"If the U.S. stand does not develop in a constructive direction, naturally the USSR will have no grounds to develop its stand," Chervov said. "As a result, the negotiations will become deadlocked. I would say they are already approaching this condition," he said.

Coming on Tuesday, when the United States was preoccupied with its own congressional elections, Chervov's remarks may have been directed at a West European audience.

"Statements of U.S. administrative representatives," he said, "aim at pressuring the Soviets to agree to unilateral concessions."

"But they are made even more with an eye to the United States' West European allies," Chervov said, explaining that Washington was telling its Atlantic alliance partners: "Please don't worry... don't protest, everything is going well, everything will get resolved in due course."

Carter saved spy in a deal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter writes in his memoirs that two top aides negotiated a deal in 1979 in which the Soviet Union agreed not to execute a spy condemned to death after being caught working for the United States in Russia. *The Washington Post* said in Wednesday editions.

The newspaper said the deal was part of a larger negotiation in which Carter's administration arranged for the swap of five dissidents imprisoned in the Soviet Union in return for two Soviet employees of the United Nations who had been convicted of espionage in the United States. The swap was widely publicized at the time.

The revelation the Soviets "also agreed not to execute ... one of our spies who had been condemned to die," is included in *Keeping Faith*, the just-published memoirs of Carter, the newspaper said.

The spy negotiations were conducted by former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and his deputy, David L. Aaron, and Soviet Ambassador to the United States Anatoly F. Dobrynin, the newspaper said.

The *Post* quoted a former senior official whom it did not identify as saying the ex-president had committed an "indiscretion" by revealing the talks. It quoted Aaron as saying, "obviously, the president knows what he is talking about."

Peking endorses Mao's war theory

HONG KONG, Nov. 3 (R) — Communist China's *Red Flag* magazine has endorsed Mao Tse-tung's concept of people's war while urging modernization of the four million strong People's Liberation Army (PLA), the New China News Agency said Wednesday.

The ideological journal said a future war would be a people's war fought under modern conditions. Chairman Mao's doctrine of people's war emphasized the importance of overpowering an enemy by force of numbers and knowledge of local conditions.

"Mao Tse-tung's great thought on people's warfare is still an important magic weapon for defeating the enemy," *Red Flag* said. The PLA was being adjusted and restructured, the journal said, guided by a policy of fewer but better troops. The army should improve its equipment while fully utilizing what it already had.

"We have devised and produced our own atomic and hydrogen bombs, long-range guided missiles and other sophisticated strategic weapons for self-defense," the magazine said.

Cat rescues boy

MOSCOW, Nov. 3 (AP) — A tomcat came to the rescue of his frightened five-year-old master who was threatened by a "big snake," a Soviet newspaper reported. *Soviet Industry*, in a report from the Black Sea town of Tuapse, said the duel between cat and snake ended when adults came to the cat's aid.

The newspaper said that Tolya Potapov was playfully poking his ginger tomcat, Vaska, with a thin wooden rod. He missed the cat, hitting a crack in the floor instead. "In the wink of an eye, out of the dark opening, a big snake struck out into the boy's face," *Soviet Industry* said.

The cat immediately attacked the snake, shoving it aside and biting its tail, the newspaper reported.

East-West accord doubtful

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (R) — The United States said prospects for East-West accord at next week's resumed European security talks in Madrid looked doubtful since the Soviet Union was not living up to promises made at Helsinki in 1975.

Max Kampelman, U.S. ambassador to the conference, said the West European allies had hoped to end the session with a substantive document endorsed in the 1975 Helsinki agreement. But he was skeptical about achieving such a document since Moscow showed no readiness to meet human rights obligations.

"If the Soviet Union is still not living up to the promises it made in 1975, what reason do we have to believe they will live up to new promises if they are made at Madrid? That remains the basic problem we are facing," he told reporters.

He said last December's military crackdown in Poland was the result of a Soviet threat of force. Kampelman also cited the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan and arrests of Soviet citizens monitoring compliance with human rights obligations.

The last Madrid session begun in 1980 to review progress under the 1975 Helsinki agreement broke up last March because of disagreements over human rights issues not only between East and West but among the Western allies.

Washington has insisted further substantive progress at Madrid is not possible without what Kampelman Tuesday called "tangible deeds" by the Soviet Union to allay criticism over the Polish situation and other human rights issues. But he said neither the U.S. or any other delegation he knew of was seeking to end the Madrid review without keeping the Helsinki follow-up process alive.

Autopsy begins on Calvi's body

MILAN, Italy, Nov. 3 (AP) Doctors began a new autopsy on the body of Roberto Calvi, the Italian financier who was found hanging from the Blackfriars bridge in London on June 18.

A London inquest jury in London ruled that Calvi committed suicide, but Italian prosecutors ordered a new autopsy after Calvi's widow, Clara, said he had no reason to kill himself and she believed he was murdered. The body was transported to Milan from London last week.

Calvi's death rocked the financial world and touched off a scandal into the dealings of his Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank.

Calvi, president of the bank, disappeared from Rome shortly after being questioned by Italian authorities on a \$1.2 billion debt the bank had accrued through dubious loans to Panamanian dummy companies. The state prosecutor Pier Luigi is overseeing the new autopsy, being carried out by three coroners and two poison experts.

The doctors X-rayed and photographed Calvi's neck in the first day of the autopsy which is expected to take many days to complete.

U.K. palace security still lax

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AP) — Security at Buckingham Palace, supposedly sealed tight after a man got into Queen Elizabeth II's bedroom, is still wide open to intruders. *The Daily Mirror* reported Wednesday.

The British tabloid told how a reporter and a photographer obtained an official parking permit from a palace gatekeeper, used it to park inside the palace grounds, walked around unchallenged and on Monday looked over the royal coaches.

The Daily Mirror wrote: "Over a three-day period the *Mirror* investigators were virtually able to come and go as they pleased, they were left alone, completely unsupervised. Not once was the boot (trunk) of their car searched."

Peru president calls off U.S. visit

LIMA, Nov. 3 (R) — Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry has called off an official visit to the United States, scheduled to begin next week, because of trade problems between the two countries, a spokesman said. The surprise decision was disclosed in an official statement only three days after President Belaunde had personally denied reports that he was considering suspending the visit.

The statement attributed the decision simply to "unexpected circumstances" but presi-

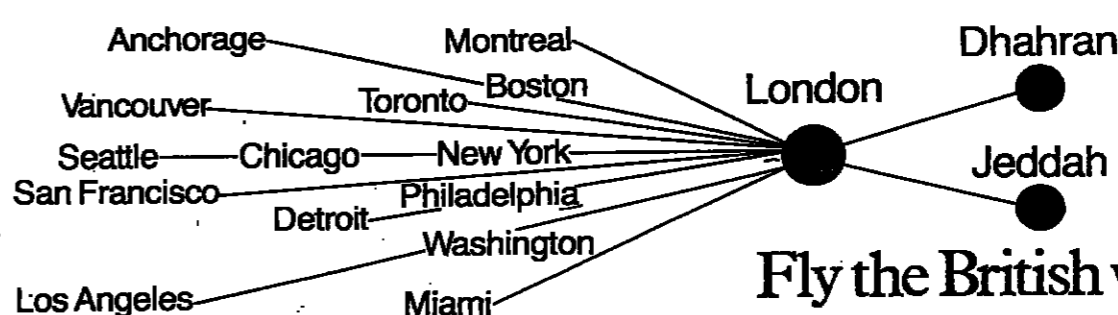
dent Belaunde said it was due to the incompatibility of Peruvian and U.S. trade legislation.

Official sources said Peru was concerned by U.S. tariffs on Peruvian textile exports, a proposed U.S. levy on Peruvian imports and other factors. These included differences over the law of the sea and the failure of U.S. and Peruvian officials to finalize a new air traffic agreement.

Security at the palace was tightened after the July 9 break-in by Michael Fagan, who spent 10 minutes sitting on the queen's bed talking to the monarch before help arrived.

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Ex-admiral's arrest sought in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3 (R) — The Argentine Navy has ordered the arrest of retired Adm. Emilio Massera, a former member of the ruling military junta whose name has been linked with recent political scandals, representatives of the admiral said.

A statement from the political party formed by the admiral said Navy Commander in Chief Ruben Franca had ordered 20 days arrest for the admiral to be served in a naval base in southern Argentina. The statement did not give the reason for the order or say whether arrest had been carried out.

Political opponents of the admiral who was commander in chief of the navy from 1974 to 1978, have alleged that he paid money to leftist guerrillas who fought a bloody campaign against the government in the late

1970's. His name has also been mentioned in connection with a series of political murders and kidnappings.

The widespread publicity given here to Adm. Massera's alleged activities have caused embarrassment to the ruling junta on which he served from 1976 to 1978.

Tuesday the government ordered the closure of two news magazines for publishing "distorting information." One was the bi-monthly *Linea* magazine published by the Peronist party, which is highly critical of the military government.

The other, *Quorum*, has only recently appeared and is printed on presses owned by the family of Juan Alemann, former treasury secretary. Alemann began making a series of allegations against the former navy chief last August.

Jayewardene alleges murder plot

COLOMBO, Nov. 3 (R) — Sri Lanka's President Junius Jayewardene has accused a faction of the main opposition party of planning to assassinate him and set up a military government.

He told a meeting of members of parliament from his ruling United National Party (UNP) that a group in the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) — would have carried out their plan to kill government leaders and defense force chiefs if their candidate had won last month's presidential election.

SLFP candidate Hector Kobbekaduwa was the main challenger in the poll which gave Jayewardene a second six-year term. Kobbekaduwa and another SLFP official, Vijaya

Kumaranatunga had their passports canceled Monday by the immigration department and have been questioned by police about the alleged distribution of fake rice ration cards just before the election.

Jayewardene told Tuesday's meeting that the SLFP faction, which ran the party's election preparations, had also planned to imprison SLFP leader and former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike and kill her son Anura.

"The group ... had decided to assassinate me, a few other ministers, Anura Bandaranaike and armed services chiefs, and do away with the constitution and imprison Mrs. Bandaranaike," the president said.

Greased inmates escape from jail

MARKSVILLE, Louisiana, (AP) — Four prisoners greased themselves, broke out bullet-proof glass and squeezed through a square foot (30 cm square) hole to escape from a Louisiana jail built less than three years ago.

It was the second break for freedom in three days for three of the inmates, who were still at large. Sheriff Bill Belt said investigators believe Jeffrey Pierie, 18, and Earl Davies, 20, and Joseph Jackson, 33, headed for Houston, Texas, after their escape Monday. A fourth prisoner was recaptured about five hours after the breakout.

The sheriff said the four apparently greased themselves shortly before 4:30 a.m. local time and squeezed through a foot-square hole leading from a holding cell into a bullpen where five inmates — including the three still at large — had escaped through a window Saturday.

"They heated this very expensive bullet-proof glass, which then becomes very fragile," he said. They greased themselves, broke the glass and squeezed through the hole into the main bullpen. The prisoners then escaped through the hole in the window that they had knocked out in their earlier escape attempt.

Chief Deputy Harry Lemoine said the inmates heated the window by setting the spray from an aerosol deodorant can on fire.

The sheriff said Pierie was awaiting trial for burglary, escape and theft. Davies serving a life term for murder and Jackson was serving time for armed robbery. Two other men who escaped Saturday also were still at large, the sheriff said.

2 Indian newspapers raided

NEW DELHI, Nov. 3 (AP) — A spokesman for two leading newspapers in Bihar, north India, charged that police illegally raided the printing plant and delayed Tuesday's final morning editions in a case of harassment by the state government.

Krishnanand Jha, secretary of Newspapers and Publications Ltd., the publishers of the English language daily *Indian Nation*, and its companion Hindi language paper, *Aryavarta*, said the raiding party carried away several pages and galley proofs and refused the press foreman's demand to produce a search warrant.

The papers, published at Patna, the state capital, 595 miles southeast of New Delhi, have taken a strong stand against controversial press control laws adopted by the Bihar state legislature that is awaiting central government approval amid strong nationwide opposition from Indian media and political groups.

No state government comment on the raid was available. But the United News of India

Japan's attitude on wildlife attacked

TOKYO, Nov. 3 (AFP) — Prince Philip of Britain criticized Japan over its attitude toward endangered animal species during a meeting with Emperor Hirohito.

On a private visit as president of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Duke of Edinburgh told the emperor Tuesday that although Japanese admired flowers, birds and other natural beauties in their daily setting, they were little concerned about wild animals pushed to the brink of extinction.

Prince Philip, however, added he was sure that the Japanese people would soon understand the danger, imperial household agency

quoted police as saying that they entered the printing plant and would continue to enter it in connection with a case filed against the papers about news stories published Sunday and Monday on the family and driver of Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra.

Police Superintendent Ramchandra Khan said police had seized the reporter's copy of a story saying the chief minister's private car had met with an accident while carrying his daughter and son-in-law, killing the driver. The couple were traveling by train and had made no such car trip, the superintendent said.

The press control bills, personally sponsored in the legislature by the chief minister provide jail terms of up to five years for anyone publishing or profiting from publication of material vaguely defined as "scurrilous."

Critics say the laws are aimed at intimidating press reporting in Bihar state. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's central government has offered to discuss the legislation with Media organizations before authorizing it to take effect.

officials said reporting on the meeting. During the 20-minute audience, the duke also pointed to the fact that the emperor is a marine biologist and said it symbolized Japan as a nation of nature lovers, according to the officials.

Prince Philip arrived here Sunday on a five-day visit to seek more Japanese contributions to the WWF. Prince Philip previously met the emperor in 1975 when he and Queen Elizabeth II visited Japan. After the audience, Prince Philip was a guest at a luncheon given by the emperor at the palace, followed by a ceremony to plant a snowbell tree in a palace garden.

Chief disagrees with U.N. report

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 3 (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's spokesman said Tuesday that the secretary-general "has indicated he does not agree with everything" in a report issued here that is critical of Western media coverage of U.N. activities.

But the spokesman, Francois Giuliani, would not tell reporters what it was in the report that Perez de Cuellar disagreed with.

He told the reporters he could not say whether quotations of the secretary-general on that subject in *The New York Times* of Tuesday morning were correct. At the same time, he did not deny them.

The *Times* said Perez de Cuellar called "unfortunate and ill-considered" a part of the report that unfavorably compared Western to Communist coverage of the United Nations.

"In the Socialist countries," the report said, alluding to the Soviet Union and allies, "mass media report regularly on United Nations activities" and governments support U.N. efforts aimed at international cooperation, although they tend to limit their international development funding.

The *Times* quoted Perez de Cuellar as saying, "I don't think we should establish that comparison," but also, "it is a reality that the Socialist press is more favorable for reasons we know" and, "the Western press is sometimes very, very negative, sometimes unfairly."

Last Friday, soon after public attention was focused on the report, U.S. Ambassador Charles Lichtenstein told a General Assembly committee the contention that Soviet-bloc media gave regular support to international cooperation efforts was "quite incredible."

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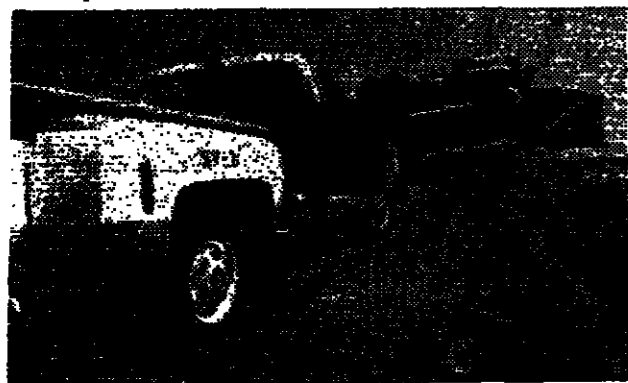
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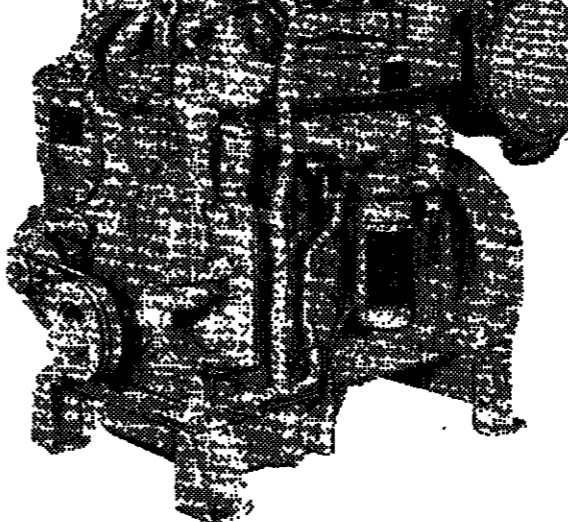


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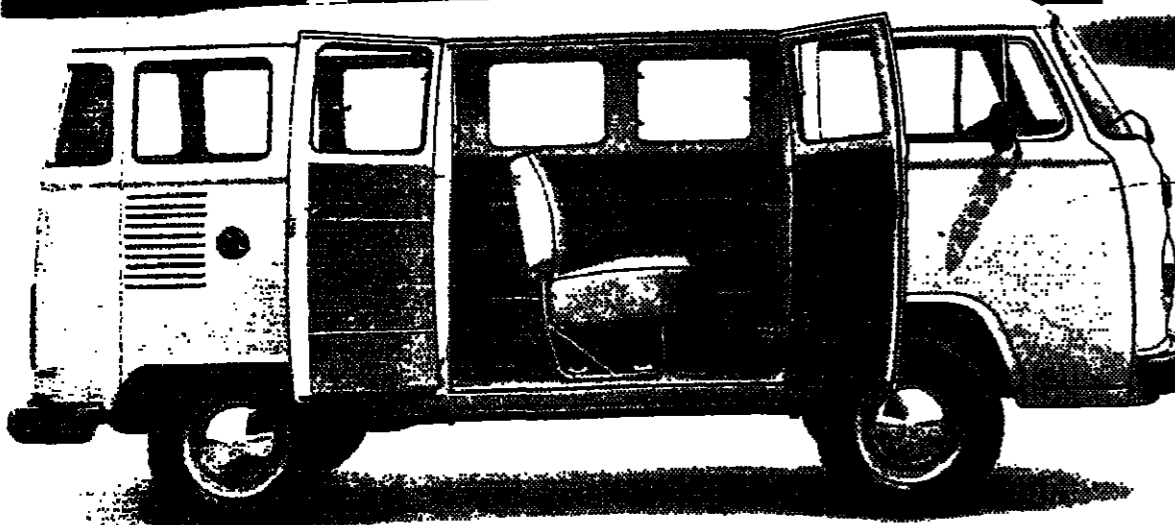
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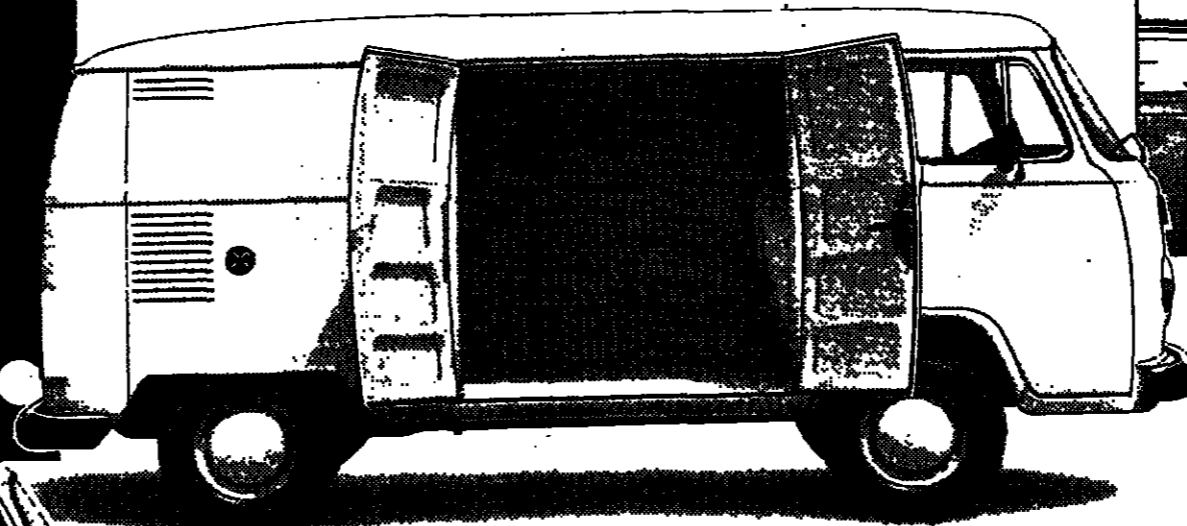
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EEC stands by open market policy--Thorn

NEW DELHI, Nov. 3 (AP) — Gaston Thorn, president of the European Economic Community's commission, refuted accusations of protectionism against the Common Market, declaring "the community is, and will continue to be a market open to every one."

Thorn told a news conference he gained the impression from Indian newspapers that "accusations of protectionism and exclusivity are sometimes being levelled at the European Economic Community ... I certainly do not plead guilty."

Nickel prices touch new low

LONDON, Nov. 3 (R) — Nickel prices fell to record lows on the London Metal Exchange in line with a general long-term decline by metals due to the world recession. The price for nickel to be delivered in three months fell during Tuesday's trading from Monday's unofficial close of 2,270 sterling a ton (\$1.73 a pound) to 2,165 sterling (\$1.65 a pound), but later rose slightly to 2,190 sterling (\$1.67 a pound).

The 2,165 sterling (\$1.65) price was the lowest since the exchange started quoting a price for the metal in April 1979 and the lowest on the world market since about the same time.

"We are living at a time of deep international economic crisis... Given the close degree of interdependence now existing among the world's trading partners, it would be simply suicidal to respond to such a crisis by protectionism," the former Luxembourg prime minister added.

"Ours is a market wide open to the Third World ... But it is also a highly competitive market, a difficult and a sophisticated one, demanding a great deal from foreign exporters," Thorn said.

"Nearly half of your (Indian) exports come into the community duty free, the remaining 55 percent benefiting from zero or preferential tariffs ... so we are running short of trade concessions to make to India," Thorn said. "The door is open and we invite you to come in. It is up to India to exploit these favorable conditions by improved marketing, quality control and product mix."

Thorn, on a 10-day tour of India and Nepal, appeared Tuesday at "Europe Day" festivities at the New Delhi International Trade Fair and inaugurated the council of chambers of commerce of the community in India, a coordinating group for the member countries' trade promotion bodies.

In an inauguration speech, he said the community was pleased by improved relations between India and the United States and added, "we have always urged, and continue to urge, that the Soviet Union and its East European allies should play a more constructive role in the developing world."

Poll to cost Americans \$300 million

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP) — Electing a new Congress on Tuesday is expected to cost the American public more than \$300 million when all the bills are in, making it the most expensive congressional election in history.

And that may be only the tip of a costly iceberg, hiding a side of the inflation issue that voters seldom connect with the cost of living: The ever-rising price of public office.

The \$300 million plus figure is a best estimate based on preliminary figures from official and private sector election watchdogs, and only covers the expenses of running for federal office — this year house and senate races.

Not counted is the money spent on all other elections — governors state legislatures, mayors, county commissioners, sheriffs, tax collectors, clerks, constables, judges and prosecutors.

Latest available figures for the house and senate races already reflect a 25 percent increase over the more than \$240 million it cost to elect the current Congress and the \$200 million spent in the 1978.

Although it will be months before final reports are filed by the more than 2,000 candidates and 3,000 political committees who financed this year's federal races, there are enough clues to allow an educated guess at a final figure.

Through massive buying Soviets trigger silver rally

ZURICH, Nov. 3 (R) — Substantial Soviet purchases, mainly through Zurich, have triggered a fairly strong speculative rally in the silver market in recent weeks, dealers here said.

Estimates of Soviet purchases range as high as 10 million ounces but Soviet moves in both the silver and gold markets are very hard to follow and the Soviet Union was actually a seller on some days in the last week and earlier, they said.

Market rumors of Soviet purchases triggered speculative follow-up demand which lifted the silver price to about \$10.50 an ounce in four weeks from an October low of just under \$8, the dealers said.

The rally seems to have forced some large Middle Eastern operators to cover short positions entirely and gone long, they said. But they added this does not mean all the silver which has been overhanging the market since its sharp rise to over \$50 in the winter of 1979/80 has been absorbed.

Amounts around 10 million ounces can be fairly well absorbed by the markets if spread over two or four weeks but the effect on the market was considerable because the purchases were rumored to be physical and trading volume was thin, dealers said.

The market is more sensitive to large physical purchases or sales since European bullion houses sharply scaled down their gold and silver stocks which served as a buffer until about two years ago, they said.

News some two weeks ago New York corn warehouse supplies are insufficient to match all contracts for December delivery triggered some fears of the market being cornered, they added.

But the dealers said these fears are com-

pletely unfounded and silver producers are only too eager to step up sales. The motives behind the Soviet purchases are extremely difficult to gauge, dealers added.

There is speculation that the buying is for strategic purposes and linked to U.S. embargoes on high-technology and defense-related goods, but the Soviet Union has gone on similar buying sprees in earlier years and other motives could be more important, they said.

Political or other obstacles to the production process in Eastern European mines are another possible reason for the purchases, dealers said. They noted the Socialist bloc has been a net exporter of silver in recent years.

One of the more unlikely hypotheses on the Soviet motives is that it is a speculative plan to drive up the price, they said.

Video boom sweeps France

PARIS, Nov. 3 (AFP) — The French are rushing to buy video recorders (VCR) as never before in a bid to beat expected shortages on the market when the impact of the government's plan to set up a centralized customs clearing house in remote Poitiers is finally felt in the shops.

Many prospective French buyers are also hoping to beat the Jan. 1 imposition of an annual \$67 license on VCR's — and it is known that color-TV license holders remain a big headache for the government.

Last week the government ordered all VCR's to clear customs in a new center at Poitiers, instead of at the traditional points of entry at Le Havre Port and Roissy Airport, Paris.

The move was seen by video importers — and 95 percent of all VCR's in France are Japanese — as new evidence of a government crackdown on the industry.

Already there are plans to put a tax on blank video cassettes to compensate copyright owners for the "blight" of home recording to TV programs and feature films, and the government has also ordered — in an attempt to protect the cinema industry — a one-year delay between the cinema release of

Norway vows to defy ban on whaling

OSLO, Nov. 3 (R) — Norway will continue to hunt whales in the North East Atlantic after 1986 despite a total ban on commercial whaling by the International Whaling Commission (IWC). Fisheries Minister Thor L. Tau has said.

Listau told a press conference that some 10 small Norwegian vessels would continue the catch of minke whales fixed at 1,985 animals for the 1982 season.

In Tokyo, Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakurachi said earlier Tuesday that Japan would lodge a formal complaint with the IWC over its ban, imposed in July.

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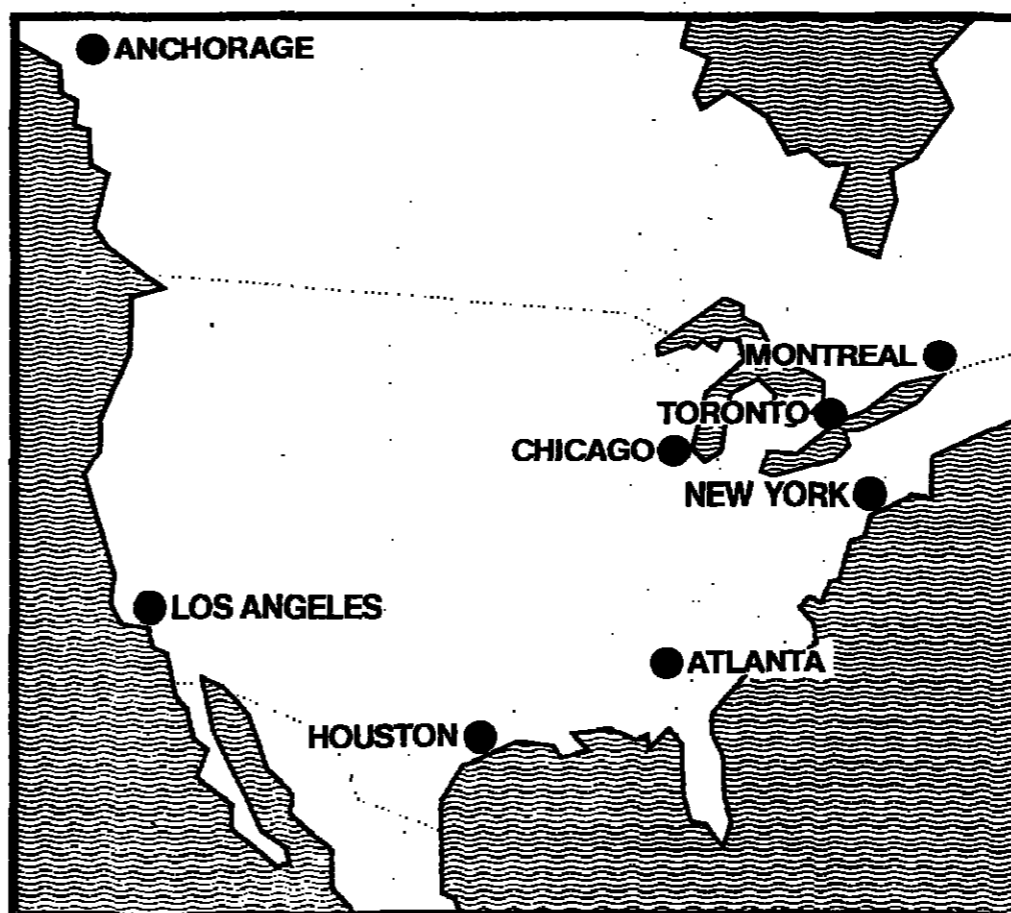
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Accord signed

Banks reschedule Polish debt

VIENNA, Nov. 3 (R) — Representatives of Western banks signed an agreement with Polish officials rescheduling Poland's non-government guaranteed commercial debt due in 1982, Poland's foreign trade bank, Bank Handlowy, said in a statement.

The agreement provided for the rescheduling of 95 percent of 1982 principal repayments totaling \$2.4 billion with the remaining five percent to be paid back in two installments on Aug. 20 and Nov. 20, the bank said.

It also provided that interest payments due in 1982 will be paid fully in three installments on Nov. 19 and Dec. 20, and March 20, the amount of interest involved was not specified.

The agreement also provided for a revolving short-term trade related facility agreement granting Poland a credit facility of about \$550 million for periods up to three years.

The three documents were signed for Poland by Deputy Finance Minister Witold Bien, Bank Handlowy President Stanislaw Kobak and the Bank's Vice President Jan Woloszyn.

Signatories for the Western commercial banks were the international agents and the national agents and the approximately 500 bank creditors will be signing the agreements over the next few days. It is expected that negotiations regarding payments falling due in the future will begin shortly, Bank Handlowy added.

In an unrelated development, the Philippines central bank governor Jaime Laya said in Manila that his country will not reschedule its commercial debt next year.

Laya was commenting on press reports that

the Philippines might have to reschedule \$500 million or less of credits falling due in 1982-85.

He said among the bases of the conclusion drawn by the reports was that debt and principal amortization and outstanding short-term obligations would be equivalent to 91 percent of 1982 export earnings. "The implications drawn on the stated 91 percent figure are wrong."

He said outstanding short-term debt and debt service charges would not all become

due and payable in 1983.

"Even if world credit arrangements were to come to an abrupt stop and all countries are called upon to pay their short-term debts within the year, the Philippines has international reserves and standby lines, in addition to expected exports, with which to fully settle those obligations."

The Philippines has outstanding foreign debt of some \$16 billion, including \$4.5 billion in revolving credits, of which \$10 billion is commercial.

Chile to ease fiscal policy

SANTIAGO, Nov. 3 (R) — Chile's monetarist economic managers are struggling to restore both international and domestic confidence by taking a flexible approach toward a precipitous recession and steep devaluation of the peso.

Economy and Finance Minister Rolf Luder, appointed in August at the height of the economic crisis, plans to ease restrictions on money supply and allow budget deficits, but he has not scrapped the country's basic monetarist strategy.

The new minister has also acted to stabilize the peso, which was devalued in June for the first time in three years. Since it was allowed to float in August the peso has traded at around 65 to the dollar, compared with a rate of 39 before devaluation.

The severity of the recession is apparent in Luder's own estimate that Chile's gross domestic product will contract 13 percent this year after growing 5.3 percent in 1981. Officials put the unemployment rate at 20 percent — unofficial estimates are that over 30 percent are out of work.

The need to regain confidence internationally led Luder to visit New York recently to talk to bankers who are nervous about Chile's

ability to keep up repayments on its \$16 billion external debt.

President Augusto Pinochet's former economic team was dominated by "Chicago boys", many of whom had studied at the University of Chicago under the influence of monetary economist Milton Friedman. They applied the monetarist theory of controlling money supply strictly, abolishing subsidies and achieving repeated budget surpluses.

But a consumer boom drove up imports last year just as the price of copper, Chile's principal export, was falling sharply. Foreign lenders, feeling that the country was using its already heavy borrowing to finance consumption rather than investment, stopped extending the loans.

The result was a sharp contraction in money supply, since the government only allowed it to grow by an amount equivalent to inflows of foreign currency. Liquidity in the economy dried up and a wave of bankruptcies began early this year.

President Pinochet had pledged that the peso would never be devalued, and the government had consistently encouraged Chilean companies to borrow abroad to finance development.

CBI calls for Marshall-type plan

EASTBOURNE, Nov. 3 (R) — Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Director General Terence Beckett said broad international cooperation to stimulate world demand is needed in the likely absence of sufficient impetus from the U.S. economy during the coming year.

He told the CBI annual conference that the confederation has discussed collaborative measures with its sister organizations in Europe and the OECD.

Beckett said an act of imaginative statesmanship is called for on the scale of the new deal in the U.S. in the early 1930s or the setting up of Bretton Woods and the World Bank or the Marshall plan for the reconstruction of Europe.

The U.S., Japan, Britain, France and Germany should get together to combat the recession, he added. But he noted the CBI remains skeptical over the practical prospect of major nations getting together in this way.

"To this extent we must reconcile ourselves to a much slower world growth rate for several years at least," Beckett said.

He added the CBI's position is close to that of the U.K. government, but he emphasized

Doctors strike paralyzes Italy hospitals

ROME, Nov. 3 (AFP) — Italy is wracked by a strike of 70,000 hospital doctors who complain that they are badly underpaid.

The strike, which started last week, is scheduled to go on at least until the end of this one. The doctors have been complaining about their low pay for the past 12 years, and have so far refused to accept increases proposed by the health ministry as insufficient.

Dr. Eolo Parodi, president of the Italian order of physicians said that a doctor working full-time at a hospital at the start of his career was barely earning 800,000 lira (\$570) a month — or roughly the same average monthly wage as an Italian laborer.

The medical head of Milan's largest hospital, in a television interview Sunday, said that after 40 years of national health service he was at present just managing to earn 1,400,000 lira (\$1,000) monthly.

Doctors explain that in fact, although they are on strike, they have retained a skeleton service to deal with urgent cases and that no ill person has complained so far of being neglected. This strike symbolizes the chronic condition of Italy's health service.

The 1978 health reform plan was aimed to guarantee efficient and almost free health care for all Italians, but the results hoped for never materialized. Lack of funds have led to the continuation of medieval conditions even in Rome hospitals.

U.S. may relax pipeline curbs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP) — The administration of President Ronald Reagan is nearing a decision to relax its sanctions against the use of American technology in construction of the Siberian natural gas pipeline, an administration official confirmed Wednesday.

He said it would take a few days, or at most a week, to complete the details. The main issue left to be resolved, the official said, is what the European allies are prepared to do to restrict trade credits for the Soviets.

Confirmation of the report of an imminent change in the controversial policy came as Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini headed into talks with President Reagan. He planned to protest the sanctions.

Earlier, administration sources said the policy shift would reverse the blacklisting of firms that defied the sanctions, but would prohibit them from signing new contracts to help build the 3,500-mile Soviet natural gas pipeline to Western Europe.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates forge ahead

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 3 — The dollar gained some momentum on the European exchange markets Wednesday after a dull and extremely quiet closing in the New York markets Tuesday night. Due to the mid-term U.S. congressional elections, most U.S. banks did not operate Tuesday night and the dollar was quoted at about European closing prices by the few open U.S. banks. There was keen interest expressed on whether the seeming election victories of the Democratic Party would influence President Reagan's economic policies, but dealers were divided on the outcome but with the majority expecting some sort of discount rate cut by the end of the week.

On the bullion markets Wednesday saw gold and silver prices consolidate their Tuesday European gains, and gold traded around \$ 432.50 an ounce. Silver prices shot up by between 10 - 12 cents an ounce to trade at \$ 10.46 in some sharp trading, once again seemingly leading gold and reversing silver's traditional role over the past year.

The local markets continued to see some falls in interest rates in the shorter end of the market, but long-term funds rose by another ¼ percent compared with Tuesday rates and there was some activity reported in the 6-month tenor. The one-month JIBOR opened at 9-9 ¼ percent, but soon

fell to 9 ½ percent levels in thin trading, unlike the one-year deposit which opened at 10 - 10 ½ percent but closed at 10 ½ percent levels.

Week-fixed rates were actively traded and rates opened at around 9 ½ percent but rose to 9 ¾ percent by close of business. Local dealers, however, said that the volume of transactions were not above average and that dealers were still waiting to see which way world interest rates will go.

On the local exchanges spot rial/dollar rates were traded around 3.4405-12 levels but later dropped to 3.4403-08 levels. Commercial demand continued to lead most of the transactions and this was not surprising given the dramatic rise in the dollar's value against most world currencies.

In Europe, the British pound shed some of its gains to trade at 1.6790 levels from 1.6870 on Tuesday. Once again, expectations of some British commercial interest rate cuts were affecting the pound.

The French franc traded at 7.1920 levels — a slight improvement over 7.2200 levels Tuesday. The German mark traded at 2.5580 levels — down over Tuesday prices despite some Bundesbank support. The Swiss franc, already under pressure at 2.1990/2.200 levels, fell back by a few more points but on the whole it was also helped by some profit-taking. The Japanese yen fell to 276.80 levels despite Bank of Japan support.

BRIEFS

ROME, (R) — Consumer prices for families of workers and office employees rose 2.0 percent in October after a 1.4 percent September increase, the national statistics institute, Istat, said. Year-on-year consumer price inflation continued at the 17.2 percent rate recorded in August and September, the institute said.

BONN, (R) — West Germany's seasonally adjusted industrial production index fell a provisional 2.9 percent in September after a 3 percent rise in August, the economics ministry said. The September index was 6.5 percent below September 1981. The index, base 1976, stood at provisional 101 in September after 104 in August.

DAR ES SALAAM, (AFP) — A strong team of agricultural experts from North Korea is expected here later this month to help set up an agro-scientific center at Dakawa, some 150 miles (240 km) west of Dar es Salaam. The 35 experts will be bringing equipment for the Korean-funded center, which has been created to meet the research needs of east and central African countries.

GENEVA, (R) — Poland failed in its attempt to have the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) condemn trade sanctions the United States imposed after Warsaw banned the free trade union Solidarity.

Yugoslavia have been extended \$170 million in special credit to buy U.S. farm commodities, Agriculture Secretary John R. Block has said. The special program, which was announced Oct. 20, includes interest-free direct loans and loan guarantees. It is aimed at helping revive U.S. farm exports, which declined in value during the year which ended Sept. 30 after showing annual increases for 12 consecutive years.

RIO DE JANEIRO, (AFP) — The world's largest hydroelectric plant rated 12,600 megawatts, located at Itaipu near the frontier with Argentina and Paraguay, will be formally inaugurated this Friday by President Josao Figueredo of Brazil and President Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay. A workforce of 40,000 has taken nine years to erect the dam, which is as tall as a 62-storey building.

BONN, (R) — The index of West German manufacturing industry incoming orders fell a provisional 3.1 percent seasonally adjusted in September after a 3 percent fall in August.

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Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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Dutch Guilder (100)	124.25
Egyptian Pound	3.35
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25
French Franc (100)	48.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)	47.85
Indian Rupee (100)	47.60
Iranian Rial (100)	35.42
Iraqi Dinar	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	23.75
Japanese Yen (1,000)	12.50
Jordanian Dinar	9.51
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.76
Lebanese Lira (100)	81.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25
Philippine Peso (100)	39.30
Pound Sterling	5.81
Qatari Rial (100)	93.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	155.75
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20
Swiss Franc (100)	157.10
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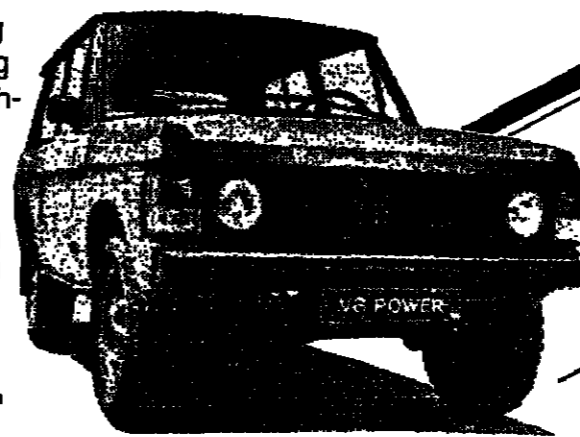
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Wilkins dazzles in Hawks' triumph

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP) — Rookie Dominique Wilkins is considered a potential offensive superstar in the National Basketball Association. Few, however, expect him to sparkle in the defense.

Wilkins, known as the "human highlight film" for his spectacular dunks at the University of Georgia, was brilliant in the Atlanta Hawks' 105-88 victory over the Washington Bullets Tuesday night, scoring 30 points and hitting his last nine shots from the field. He also held veteran forward Greg Ballard, an 18.8 points-per-game scorer last season, to six points.

"I was very pleased with the defensive effort that Dominique put out against a great player like Ballard," Hawks coach Kevin Loughery said. "Dominique had a sensational game." Bullets coach Gene Shue said, "He played about as well as it's possible for a player to play. He did some spectacular things and he did well on defense, too."

In other NBA games, New Jersey beat San Diego 110-100. Detroit stopped Cleveland 128-119. Kansas City bounced Milwaukee 119-112. Dallas clipped Houston 113-103. Seattle bombed Utah 120-92 and Phoenix edged Portland 92-87.

Wilkins hit his last five shots in the third period and all four he took in the final quarter, when the Bullets never got closer than eight points.

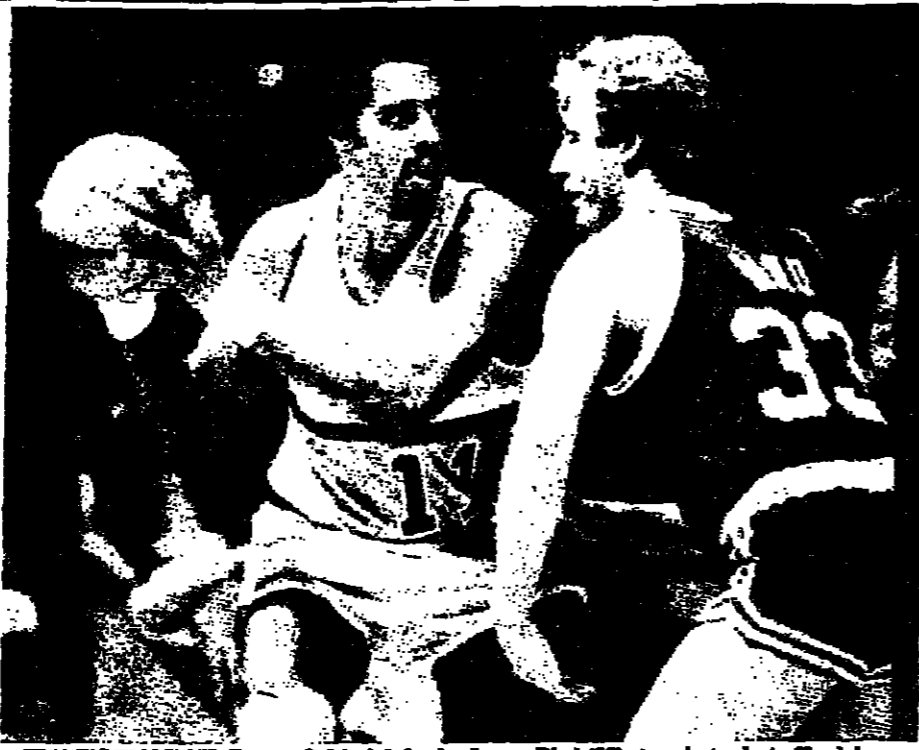
Wilkins and the Hawks got scoring support from Dan Roundfield with 23 points and Wes Matthews with 16, while Spencer Haywood led Washington with 21.

SuperSonics 120 Jazz 92: Center Jack Sikma scored 24 points and guards Gus Williams and David Thompson combined for 41 as the Seattle SuperSonics overcame the Utah Jazz.

Suns 92 Trail Blazers 87: Alvan Adams, Walt Davis and Maurice Lucas combined for 56 points, including nine late in the fourth period, as the Phoenix Suns outlasted the Portland Trail Blazers.

Mavericks 113 Rockets 103: Jay Vincent and Rolando Blackman each scored 19 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks to victory over the Houston Rockets.

Pistons 128 Cavaliers 119: Isiah Thomas scored 30 points and John Long added 29 as the Detroit Pistons sent the Cleveland Cavaliers to a record 22nd straight defeat.



THAT'S ENOUGH: Boston Celtics' defender Larry Bird (33) steps in to shut off a drive by Cleveland Cavaliers' Cliff Robinson during their opening NBA match recently. Celtics won 194-93.

Magri, McKenzie set for bouts

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AFP) — Britain's Clinton McKenzie, former European light welterweight champion, is to meet Italian Lucine Mharra in a ten round bout at the Royal Albert Hall here on Nov. 9.

McKenzie has lost his last two fights after being disqualified for low hitting, losing his European title to France's Rodolfo Gambini last month here.

The British Boxing Federation is to decide on Nov. 17 whether McKenzie should receive his purse for the Gambini fight following his disqualification.

Another Briton, Charlie Magri, European flyweight champion, is to meet Mexico's Jose Torres in a return match Nov. 23 at Wembley.

Torres put an end to Magri's hopes of a world championship bid after beating him in nine rounds at Wembley last May. But Magri is now confident that he is back in good shape and ready to avenge the loss.

Meanwhile, Joe Bugner is hoping for a Janghvir has it easy

LEICESTER, England, Nov. 3 (R) — World champion Janghvir Khan of Pakistan comfortably cleared his first hurdle in the World Masters Squash Championship here Tuesday night.

Janghvir, the 18-year-old title holder, beat Swedish No. 1 Lars Kvant 9-0, 9-7, 9-3 in the first round.

Britain's Gawain Briars, beat Egypt's Ahmed Safwat 10-8, 9-2, 6-9, 9-5.

European heavyweight title fight against Frenchman Lucien Rodriguez, possibly at the Alexandra Park Pavilion, London.

Bugner, revealed his future plans after knocking out Winston Allen, of Swansea, Oct. 29. "There is only one way to go — to the top," he said. "For a start I want to get my European title back. I held it three times before, and I can win it again."

Bugner's new manager Frank Warren, who promoted the Bugner-Alan contest, hopes to do business with Rodriguez during the next few days. The former British and European champions will appear at Bloomsbury again on Dec. 9 against either a top-rated British opponent or a European.

But if Bugner's aim at the European championship looks over-ambitious, it is only half the story. "I intend to shoot for the world title," he said. "I am not an up-and-coming kid, I've been up there before. All I have to do is brush up on my speed, and get my timing back."

Detroit's wings clipped

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP) — Mike Zuke set up a pair of first period goals, and goalie Glen Hanlon stopped 35 of 37 shots to spark the St. Louis Blues to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in a National Hockey League Game in St. Louis Tuesday night.

In another match of Hartford, Minnesota's Al Macadam scored what proved to be the game-winning goal.

After Hilditch, Hookes pave the way Tailenders foil England's victory bid

ADELAIDE, Nov. 3 (AFP) — The touring England cricket team narrowly failed to gain an outright win over Sheffield Shield holders South Australia at the Adelaide Oval Wednesday.

South Australia were 271 for eight wickets at close of play — only two wickets from a decisive defeat when the last over was bowled. England's stand-in captain Ian Botham had set South Australia the improbable target of 375 runs in 180 minutes and 20 overs.

Andrew Hilditch (79) and David Hookes (39) raised South Australia's hopes of gaining a victory with their 109-run stand in 86 minutes before Hookes was bowled attempting to attack left-arm spinner Geoff Cook.

Hilditch proved far more enterprising than in the first innings, hitting seven boundaries in his 207 minutes innings for 79 before Cook held a stinging return catch.

Thereafter, it was a matter of whether

South Australia could prevent defeat. And it needed some resolute batting by the tailenders Kevin Wright (38) and Chris Harms (46 not out) to prevent the Englishmen from gaining victory.

England's acting captain Ian Botham bowled only six overs in the match and made a clean 18 and 24, but said he was not considered about his lack of match practice.

"I will have a hard game in Perth before the Test. It is a long tour and there is a lot of

cricket to be played this summer," Botham said.

A worry for the tourists is allrounder Geoff Miller, who has a strained right shoulder and 3 who will probably miss the first class matches against Western Australia starting in Perth Friday.

The Australian team to meet England's — the first Test in Perth on Friday week will be announced Thursday afternoon and in a probability David Hookes will regain his place in the Test side.

Score-board

England (1st innings) for 9 decd.	492	W. Wright run out	38
South Australia (1st innings)	244	C. Harms not out	46
England (2nd innings) for 8 decd.	228	R. Christensen c sub (Marks) b Pringle	2
South Australia (2nd innings)		A. Sinclair not out	6
R. Darling c Turner b Cook	23	Extras	16
W. Phillips b Hemmings	5	Totals (for eight wickets)	271
A. Hilditch c & b Cook	79	Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-42, 3-151, 4-164, 5-164,	
D. Hookes b Cook	39	6-185, 7-246, 8-255.	
P. Sleep b. Gould b Hemmings	9	Bowling: Pringle 9-1-37-1; Jackson 3-0-14-0;	
R. Zedlow c Randall b Hemmings	8	Hemmings 31-6-110-3; Cook 25-4-85-3; Botham 1-0-0-0.	

Shabbir, Ali in record opening partnership

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Nov. 3 — The Arabian Eagles are flying high. For the second consecutive week the Eagles turned in a commanding display to perch themselves on the top of the Eastern Province Cricket Association (EPCA) League last weekend.

The tone of things to come was set from the very first ball of the day. Eagles' openers Ghulam Shabbir and Hassan Ali flashed their blades with gay abandon to send the leather sailing to all corners of the ground, ripping the hapless Aramco Abqaiq attack to shreds. And in the allotted 30 overs the Eagles rattled up a massive 318 for five wickets, which proved too stiff a task for the Aramco Abqaiq batsmen, who could muster only 267 in return.

Shabbir and Ali grew in stature with every stroke they played. And the Eagles' total progressed in leaps and bounds as the two openers reached identical 100s. Shabbir and Ali would have continued in the same vein, but Eagles' skipper, in a bid to give Abqaiq

bowlers a respite, recalled both the batsmen after they had notched their tons and in the bargain set up a record opening association of 215 runs. But there was no let up for the Abqaiq bowlers, who now tasted the swinging willows of Saleem Raza (54 not out) and Karim Jan (30).

Aramco Abqaiq, however, did not throw in the towel. Led by an adventurous 88 by Arif Qamar, Abqaiq gave chase in what proved to be an impossible task. The accuracy of the Eagles' attack and some superb ground fielding did not prove an hindrance as Abqaiq kept up a faster run rate till the 26th over.

But the turn in fortunes came in the form of irregular bowler Sohail Ahmed. He struck three deadly blows in quick succession conceding 26 runs, and veteran Azhar Hassan (3 for 30) came on to mop up the last resistance. Rashid (42) and Kanwar (35) were the other scorers. For those statistically inclined, the match produced the highest tally of the season with the teams totaling 584 together, surpassing the first week's 574 set in the Orrilines-Sauxex tie.

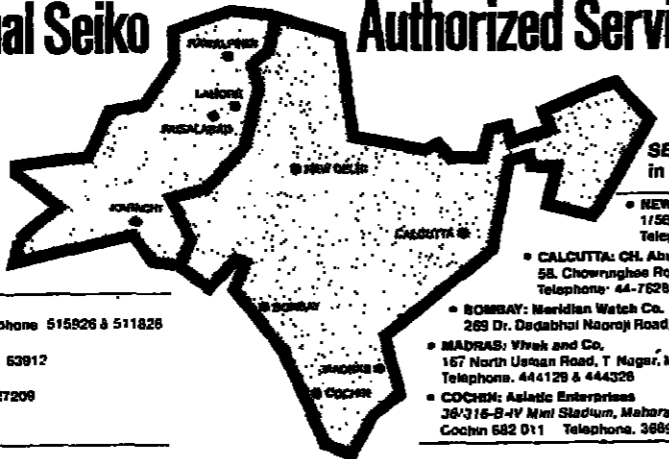
In another tall scoring encounter, Petromin gained the day against Juyaimah-Rajl Tanura. What was more memorable was the fact that Petromin had to travel to two places before sealing their victory, and that also goal before the sun could set on them.

Petromin first traveled to Ras Tanurp hit overnight rains had rendered the unplayable and the two teams agreed to a draw. In the second match, Juyaimah, batting first, looked to be in safe position when Sri Lankan Fernando Pully (137) and Ali (66) boosted their tally to 256 for nine in the allotted overs.

Best scores: Orrilines: 167 in 29 overs (Azzam Hameed 58, Mally 44, 4-36, Cedric 2-16) lost to Abqaiq 318 for 5 overs (Perviz Butt 80 not out, Perviz Khan 40, Cem 2, Gnc Zahir 106 in 23 overs (Zuhar 33, A. Bukhari 34, Abqaiq 5-18) lost to AGE CC 107 for 2 in 17 overs (M-56, Shaheed 38, Perviz 2-30). Muna CC 204 for 9 in 30 overs (Arif Gul 64, Khalid Mahmood 51, Babar 21, Azhar 21, Fahim 4-21, D. I. Ghazali 3-54, Dhaheer Butt 2-13) beat YFCC 111 in 19 overs (Abul Ghazali 23, Fahim Sami 21, Azhar 4-32, Khalid 3-29, Behzad 2-12).

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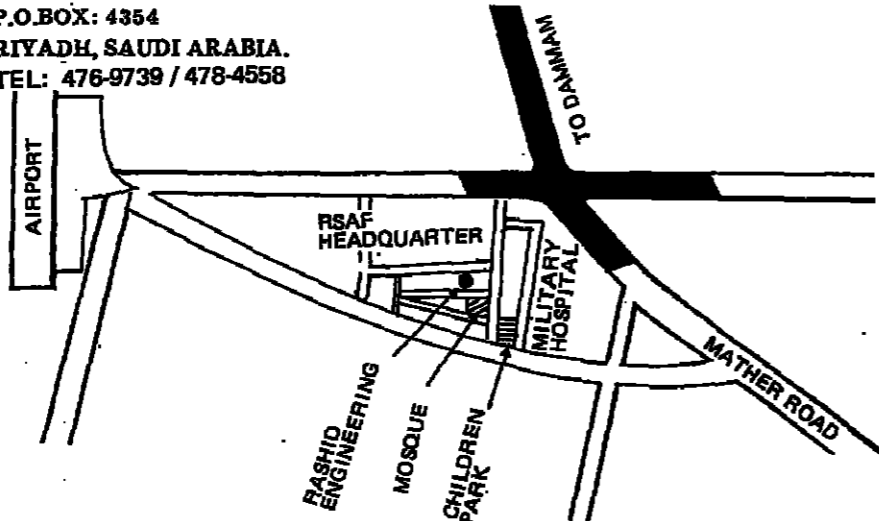
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Liverpool sails through in style

LIVERPOOL, England, Nov. 3 (Agencies) — Liverpool defeated JK Helsinki 5-0 in a second-round, second-leg soccer match of the European Champions Cup at Anfield Park Tuesday night to eliminate the Finnish team 5-1 on aggregate in the home-and-away series.

The English champions led 3-0 at halftime through goals by Scottish international Kenny Dalglish (27th), Craig Johnston (30th) and Phil Neal (45th). Allan Kennedy added two more after the break in the 61st and 73rd minutes to round off the tally.

Liverpool joined Dynamo Kiev of Soviet Union the last eight of the Champions' Cup, which they have won three times previously. Dynamo Kiev had an easy passage into the quarterfinals as their opponents Nentori of Albania refused to take the field against the Russian side for ideological reasons.

Meanwhile, Universitatea of Craiova, Romania, trounced Shamrock Rovers of Ire-

land 3-0 Wednesday to qualify for the third round of UEFA Cup on a 5-0 aggregate score.

About 25,000 fans watched Campbell score a self goal in the 30th minute in Bucharest's Central Stadium. Cirtu scored twice in the 54th and 69th minutes to give Universitatea a comfortable win. Universitatea won 2-0 in the first leg.

Shamrock Rovers' Murphy was sent off in the 87th minute by referee F. Gyoceri of Hungary for robust tactics on Universitatea's mid-fielder Balaci.

Belgian soccer champions Standard Liege were dealt two crushing blows Tuesday when Juventus stars Paolo Rossi and Marco Tardelli were declared fit to play in the European Champions' Cup.

The international pair were injured in Italy's embarrassing 1-0 defeat by Switzerland in Rome last week, but have recovered to boost Juventus' chances of reaching the

quarterfinals. Manager Giovanni Trapattoni has had to reshape his defense following the loss of Antonio Cabrini and Sergio Brio and Tardelli and Claudio Gentile will step back from midfield.

But with a 1-1 away draw to build on and the likes of Michel Platini and Zbigniew Boniek to call on in midfield, Trapattoni will not be unduly worried. Standard, runners-up to Barcelona in last season's Cup Winners' Cup, do not boast a comparable big-name lineup and will be without defender Walter Meeuwis, who was ordered off in last season's final which was played in the Spaniards' own Nou Camp Stadium.

The Belgians, however, are always a difficult side to beat. They are veterans of 17 previous European campaigns and have the inspirational Eric Gerets, one of the best right-backs the sport has ever produced.

The remaining five ties should provide some glittering encounters. Glasgow Celtic, champions in 1967 and conquerors of Ajax Amsterdam in the first round, have it all to do against real Sociedad from Spain after going down 0-2 in the first leg. But their troupe of talented teenagers could turn on the magic in front of 60,000 passionate home fans.

Hamburg of West Germany are also in a vulnerable position. They could only manage a 1-0 home win over Olympiakos Piraeus and that is a slender lead to defend for 90 minutes in Greece. Oskia Sofia, who have gained a giant-killing reputation in recent years, could be the victims this time. They were held to a 2-2 draw by Sporting Lisbon and their journey home from Portugal is likely to be a somber affair.

U.S. soccer chief keen on hosting 1986 World Cup

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP) — The United States is interested in playing host to the 1986 World Cup Soccer competition, according to U.S. Soccer Federation President Gene Edwards.

"If and when the FIFA executive committee invites nations to apply for the 1986 World Cup, we certainly would be very, very interested in staging the event," Edwards said Tuesday in a news release. "We have all the necessary facilities ... the stadiums, the hotels, transportation and whatever else would be required for an event of such magnitude."

Colombian President Belisario Betancour recently announced that his country would be unable to hold the World Cup. Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), soccer's world governing body, must wait until it is formally notified by Colombia before it accepts new bids.

The United States has never staged the World Cup and has not participated in the final round since 1950. Brazil and Canada also has expressed an interest in holding the event. "The World Cup would have immeasurable positive impact on the growth and development of soccer in the United States," Edwards said. "We firmly feel the people in the United States would rally behind the project and help support the event."

English soccer tid-bits

United star faces suspension

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AP) — Manchester United soccer player Ashley Grimes, who was sent off last Saturday for allegedly assaulting a referee, has been charged by the English Football Association with "Bringing the game into disrepute."

Grimes was ordered from the field during a First Division game at West Ham after appearing to strike referee Dennis Hedges while disputing a decision. The Republic of Ireland international is expected to deny the charge and ask for a personal hearing. Grimes faces a long suspension if found guilty.

Watford manager Graham Taylor has been appointed coach of the England youth soccer team. England manager Bobby Robson wants Taylor to prepare the youth team for next year's European Championships. Robson said: "Graham likes his teams to go forward and preaches the right type of game to those in his charge. I believe he is ideal for the job."

West Bromwich Albion full back Brendon Batson, injured during Saturday's 6-1 defeat at Ipswich, is to undergo a cartilage operation Thursday, club officials said. Batson will be the third Albion player this season to have a

E. German grabs gold

CARACAS, Nov. 3 (R) — East German Frank Reitzkowski Tuesday won the air rifle competition gold medal at the World Shooting Championships. His winning score of 587 was only three points less than the world record held by Norwegian Harald Stenvaag.

Pierre Dufaux of Switzerland took the silver medal with 584 and East German Andreas Wolfram the bronze with 582.

Norway won Monday's air rifle team event with 2,309 points, just five ahead of West Germany. France had been provisionally placed third with 2,297, but an official announcement Tuesday said East Germany had scored two points more than this and had been awarded the bronze, with France relegated to fourth place.

The president of the French Shooting Federation, Philippe Farkouh, said they would protest the decision, and ask the jury to check both countries' targets.

In the first round of the rapid fire event, Valery Kuzmin of the Soviet Union registered a perfect score of 300, followed by Romania's Gratiu Calota with 299 and another Russian, Sergei Puzryev, on 298.

Seeded England upset

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 3 (R) — A surprise victory by Switzerland Tuesday in the fourth round of the Biennial Chess Olympiad could lead to a meeting between Soviet exile Viktor Korchnoi and reigning world champion Anatoly Karpov in the next round.

Korchnoi now plays for the Swiss team which defeated fourth-seeded England 2.5 to 1.5. The win means Switzerland may next be paired with the top-seeded Soviet Team, led by Karpov, which is now in the lead. The Soviet Union adjourned every game against Yugoslavia and entered play trailing their opponents by half a game point.

The U.S. squandered what should have been a comfortable win against West Germany, currently tied for second, when American champion Walter Browne overstepped the time control and forfeited on first board.

In the women's Olympiad, the Soviet Union recaptured the lead from China with an overwhelming 2.5 to 0.5 defeat. In another action Yugoslavia and Poland were tied 1-1. Wednesday in the rest day.



PROUD WINNER: John McEnroe, makes a happy picture as he poses with the Seiko trophy he won Saturday in Tokyo which went a long way in him being selected as the Volvo Grand Prix player of the month.

Ice-cool Borg confirms superiority over Lendl

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 3 (AP) — Five times Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg comes face to face with rival John McEnroe for the first time in more than a year Wednesday, in the final of the Swan Tennis Challenge being played here.

Borg, who took a 12 months break from the tennis circuit, stormed back into the limelight with a vengeance Tuesday night when he produced a magnificent effort to beat Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. McEnroe had earlier qualified for the final of the knockout competition beating Vitas Gerulaitis.

Apart from a second set lapse, Borg proved the master over Lendl and is now anxiously awaiting his clash with the man who deposed him at Wimbledon — McEnroe. It was a satisfying victory for Borg, as he said afterward: "It proved that I can come back and play good tennis after a long break."

McEnroe was also happy with his victory over Gerulaitis and said he was looking forward to his first clash with Borg in over a year. "I get psyched up much better when playing Borg than any other player," he said.

Borg blitzed Lendl, the world's No. 3 player in 90 minutes to end the young Czech's run of 52 consecutive indoor match victories. Lendl was last beaten indoors by fellow-Czech Tomas Smid in March 1981, but this was his second loss to Borg in a month.

It was vintage Borg in the first set when he blasted Lendl off the court with some magnificent forehand passing drives. The first set took 30 minutes and set the stage for a grand battle which had the large crowd enthralled throughout its duration.

He broke the big-serving Lendl in the first game and served consistently to take the set 6-4. Lack of match practice became evident in the second set when Borg played a number of loose shots, particularly on the volley, and produced more than his customary number of double faults.

At this stage he looked to be in big trouble

but showed his concentration and coolness under pressure to begin the third set with another vital break of service.

Wilander injured

Meanwhile, Shlomo Glickstein overcame a 2-4 deficit in a third set tiebreaker to outlast John Lloyd of England 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 in first round action of the \$ 300,000 Stockholm Open Tennis Championships Tuesday night.

The ninth-seeded Glickstein, known for his superb conditioning, won the decisive tiebreaker 7-4 as Lloyd double-faulted at match point.

Jorgen Windahl, an unheralded Swede, had the most heartbreaking match of the day. Leading 4-2 and 40-0 in the second set against American Jay Lapidus, the Swede double-faulted five times in the seventh game.

Lapidus, quickly capitalizing on Windahl's sudden lapse, won four straight games for a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Meanwhile, top-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden was forced to default a doubles match because of an injury in his right foot. Wilander's second round match in the singles against fellow-Swede Thomas Highstedt, scheduled for Wednesday, was postponed by a day by the organizers.

"But I still don't know if I can play on Thursday. It hurts a lot," said the French Open champion, who was injured during his first round match Monday.

Of the other seeded players in action Tuesday, only No. 11 Mark Dickson lost. Lloyd Bourne beat Dickson in an all-American match 6-3, 7-6. Wojtek Fibak of Poland, winner of his last two tournaments but only seeded 14th here, edged Ndaka Odizor of Nigeria, 7-5, 7-5.

French Davis Cupper Henri Leconte, seeded No. 16, breezed into the second round with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Jan Kallavist of Sweden. Ili Nastase, staying cool throughout, edged doubles specialist Ferdi Taygan of the U.S. 6-4, 6-4.

Volvo Grand Prix honors for McEnroe

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (Agencies) — John McEnroe has been selected the Volvo Grand Prix player of the month for October, it was announced Tuesday.

McEnroe won the \$200,000 Custom Credit (indoor) in Sydney, Australia, and the \$300,000 Seiko in Tokyo. The award is determined by a panel of international tennis writers.

The 23-year-old left-hander has a 15-match unbeaten streak in Volvo competition. He is fourth in the Volvo standings and should qualify for a spot in the circuit's play-off event on Jan. 12-23, at New York.

Also considered by the panel was Sweden's Mats Wilander, who won the Spanish championships in Barcelona with victories over Ivan Lendl, Guillermo Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc.

McEnroe, ousted from his position as world No. 1 following compatriot Jimmy Connors' victory in the U.S. Open is back on top of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) computer standings.

He returned on top following his victory in the final of the Tokyo Grand Prix Sunday. McEnroe has also improved his points tally in the Grand Prix standings as a result of the Tokyo victory and although he remains in fourth place he has made ground on third-placed Guillermo Vilas, who did not play in a Grand Prix tournament last week.

Russian pedals to world record

MOSCOW, Nov. 3 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union's Olga Sidorenko broke the 100 kilometers world track cycling record with a time of 2 hours 40.52.17 here Tuesday, 40 seconds faster than the previous record of Italian Marie Cressari.

Meanwhile, the French-Danish combination of Bernard Vallet and Geri Frank hit back to win the Grenoble Six Days Cycling Classic Wednesday.

Overnight leaders, Alain Bondue of France and Don Allan of Australia slipped up on the final day and finished a poor fourth with a tally of 98 points.

The Italy-Switzerland team of Francesco Moser and Urs Freuler were beaten to second place by the eventual winners by one lap and the third place was bagged by Joop Zoetemel of the Netherlands and Hugo Hempel of West Germany. Frenchman Patrick Clerck and Italian Pier Angelo trailed in fifth.

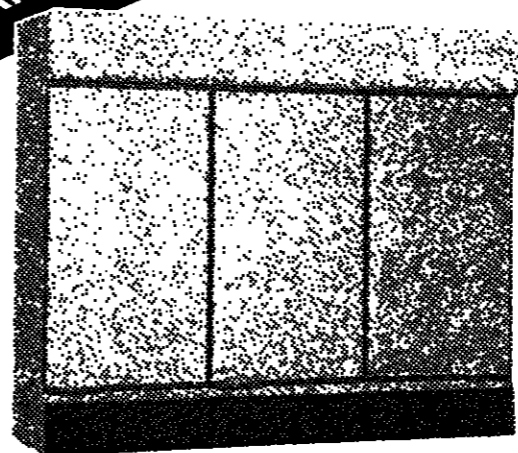
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By a Staff Writer

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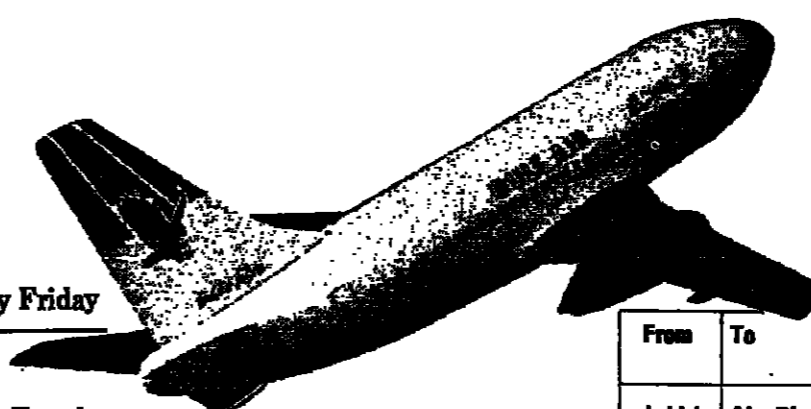
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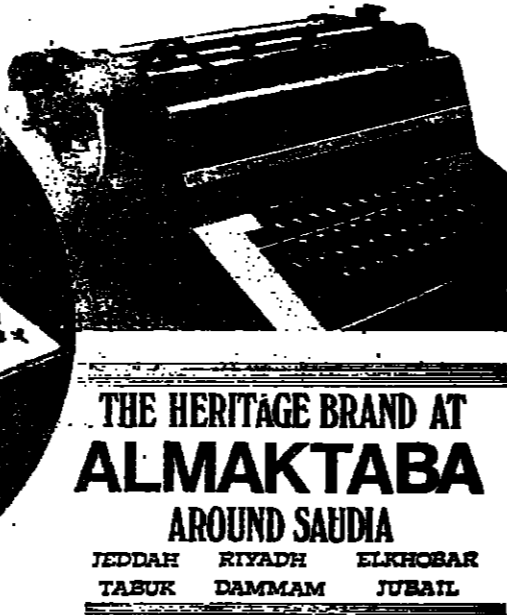
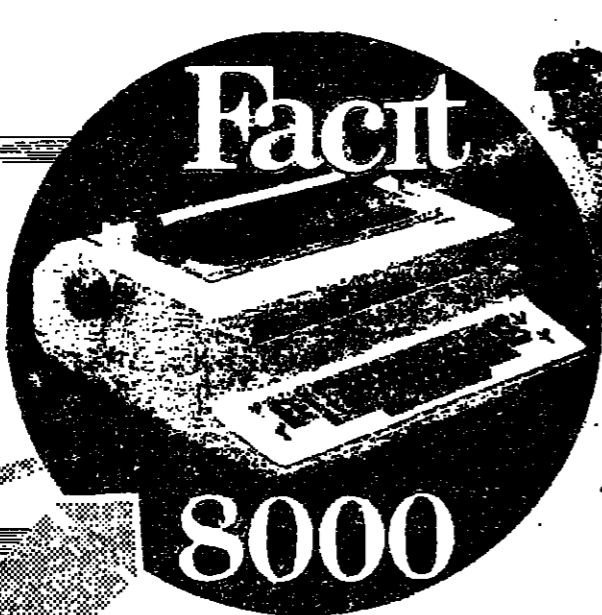
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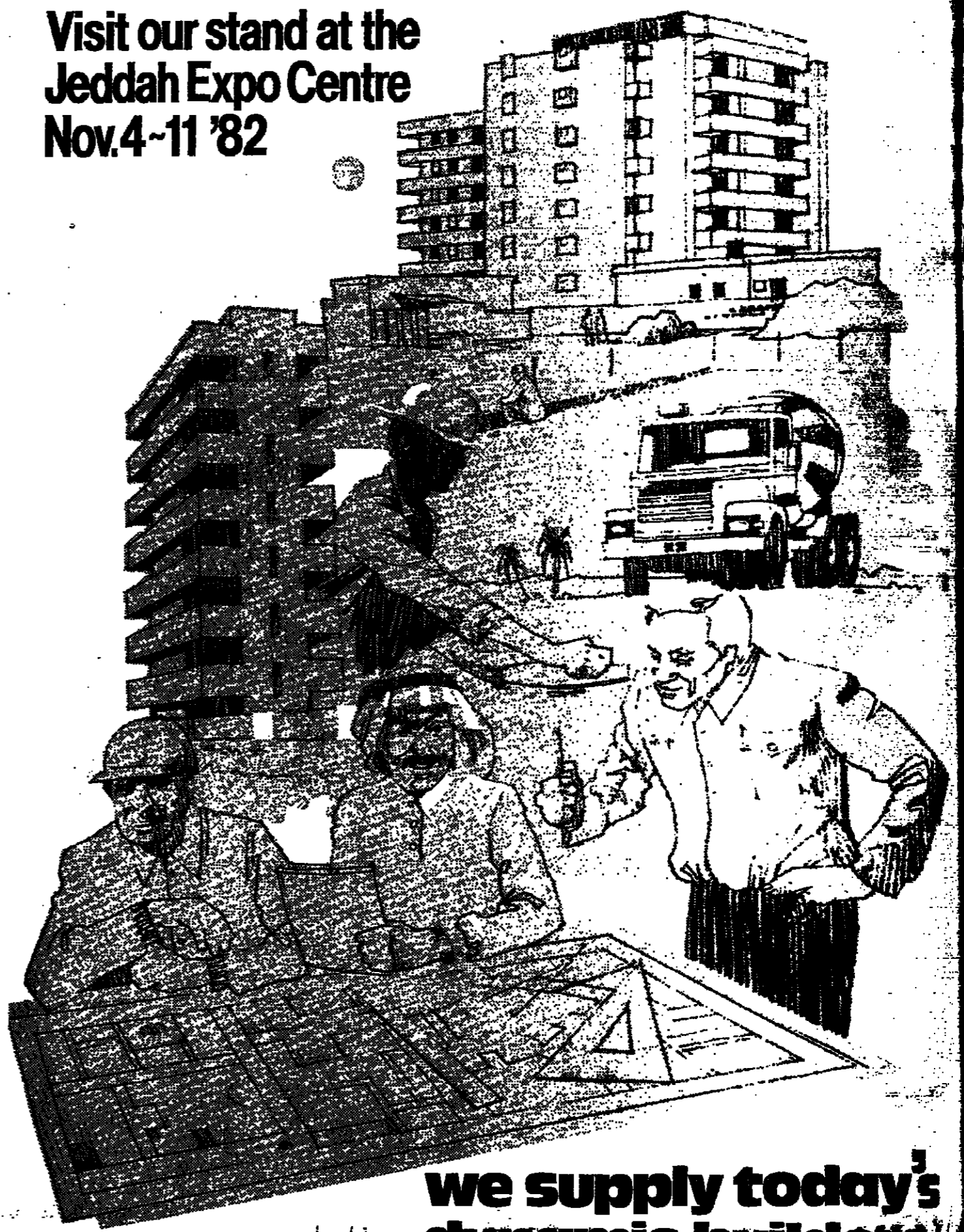
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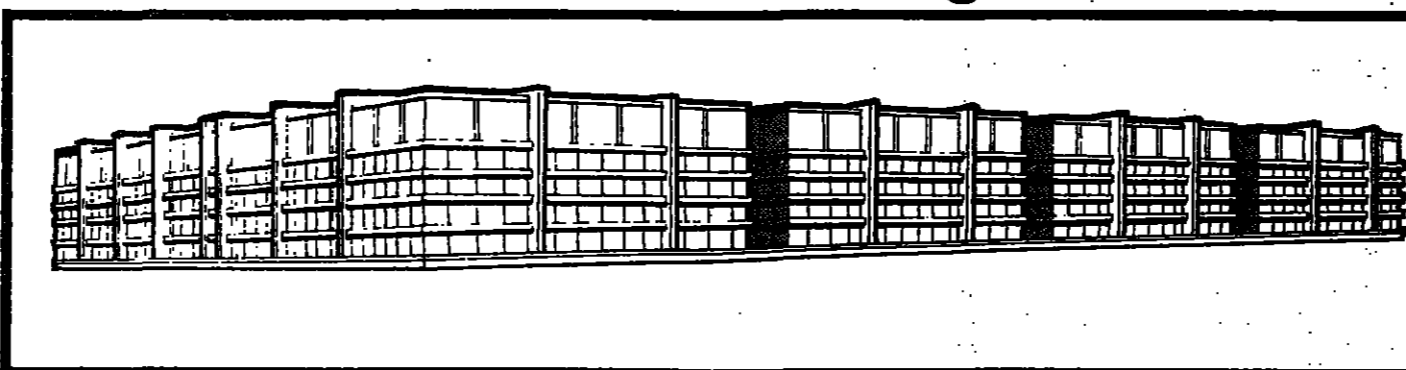
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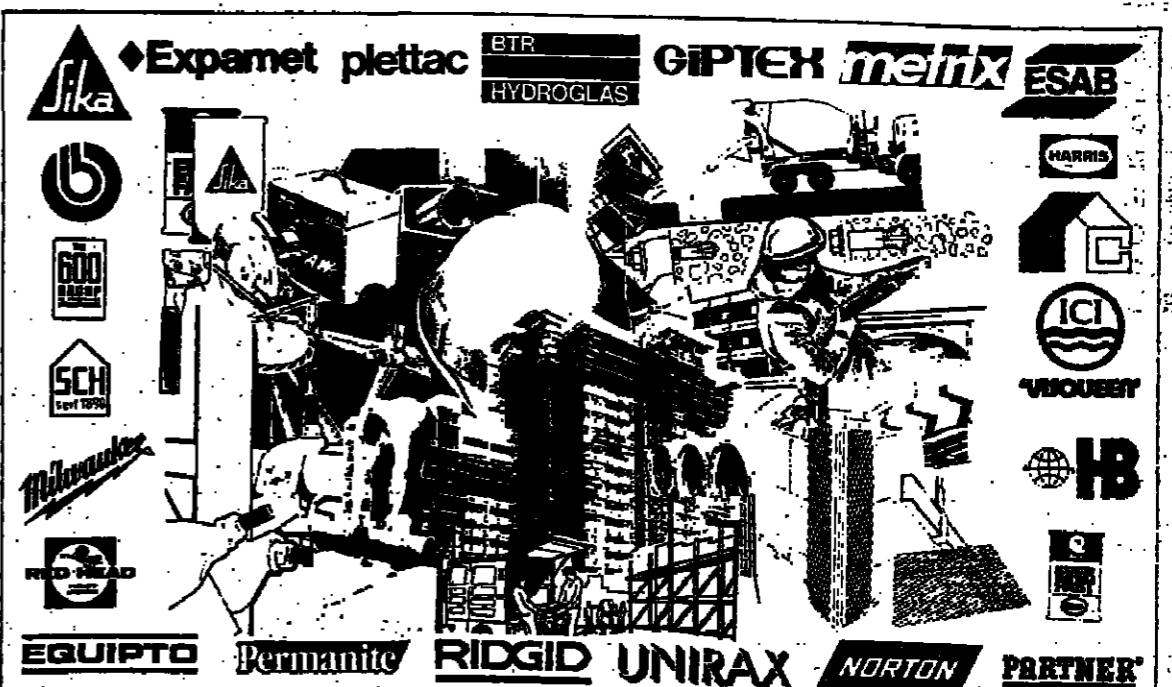
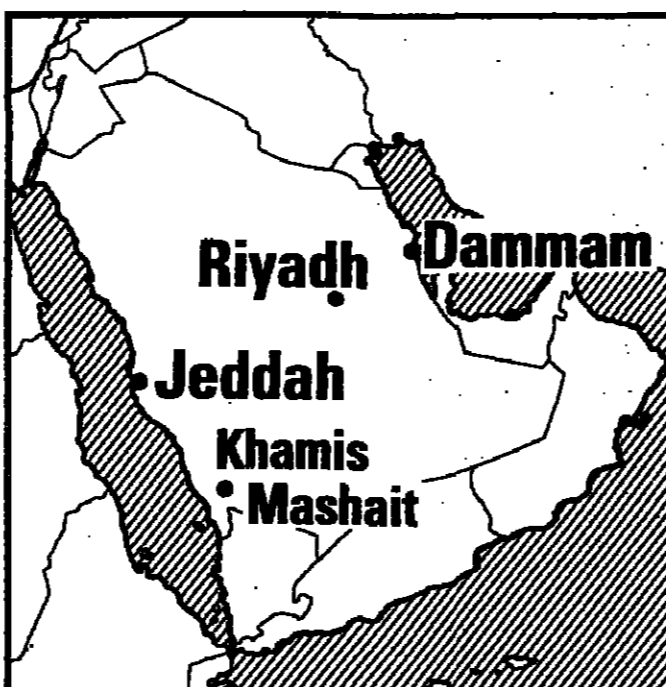
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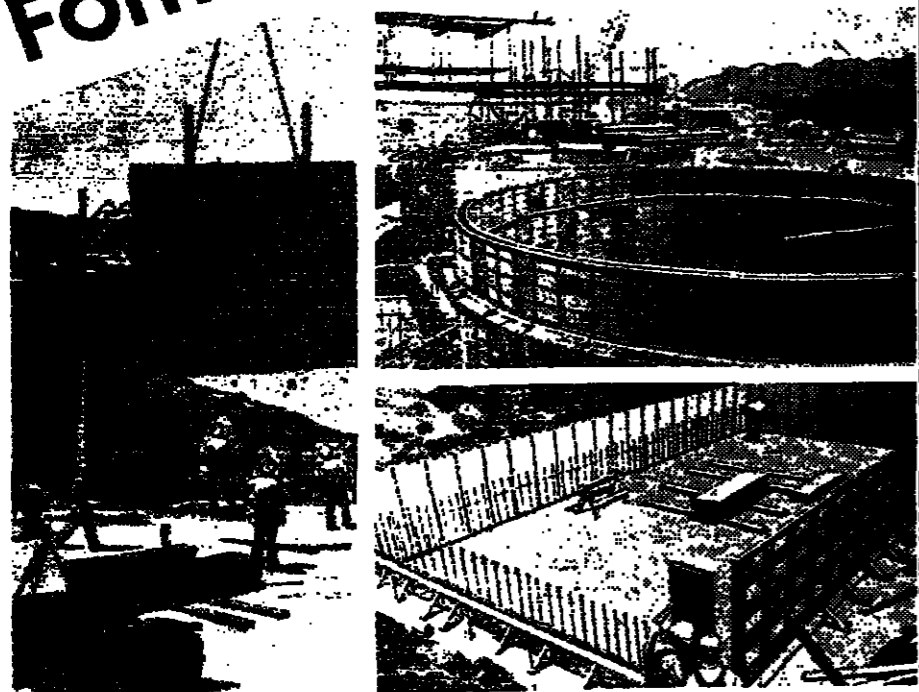
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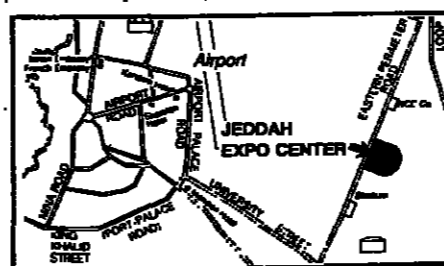
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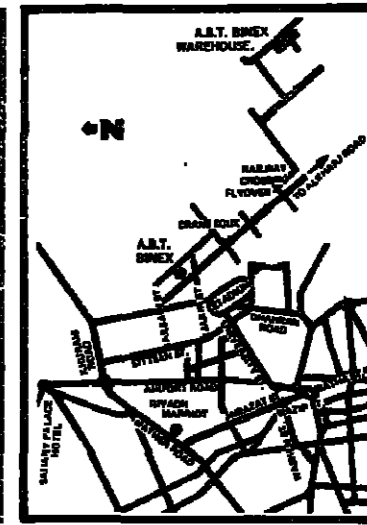
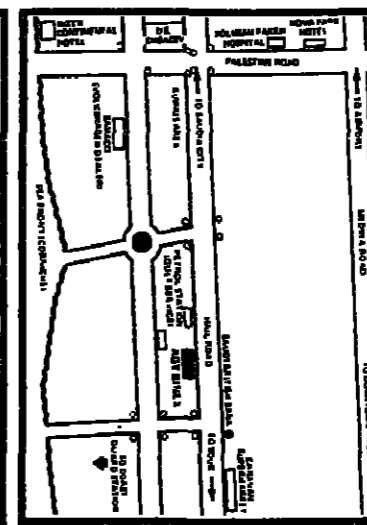
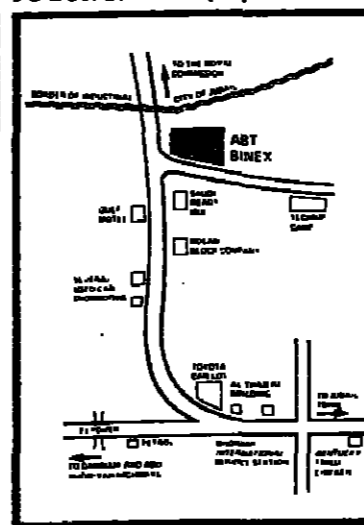
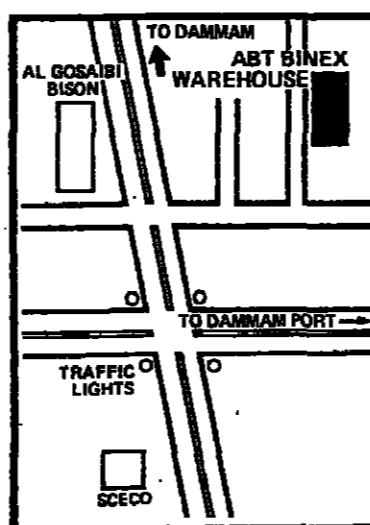
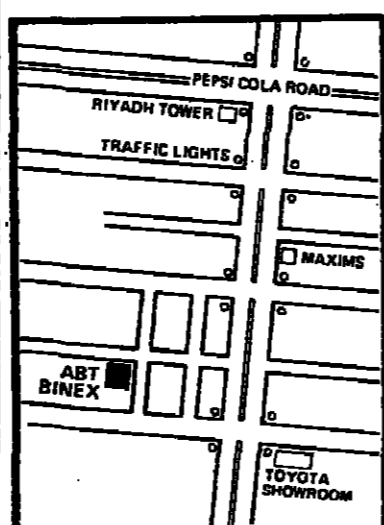
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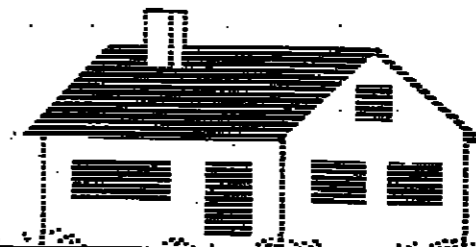
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Proposal urges Falklands negotiations

America backs Argentina in U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 3 (R) — The United States, strong supporter of Britain in the Falkland Islands War, has declared backing for Argentina and other Latin American countries in the General Assembly Falklands debate.

After debate began Tuesday Britain rejected a proposal by Argentina and 19 other Latin American countries urging the assembly to call on both Britain and Argentina to resume negotiations about the future of the Falklands.

U.S. spokesman Joel Blocker told reporters the United States would back the proposal, due to be voted Thursday. Many Latin

American delegates are among those listed to speak in the debate Wednesday and Argentina appears likely to gather strong support for its claim to sovereignty over the disputed islands.

Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Aguirre Lanari said Tuesday that the outcome of negotiations "cannot be other than the restitution of the territory to its lawful owner." Sir John Thomson, Britain's chief delegate, said an important concern was self-determination for the Falkland Islanders.

Aguirre Lanari said the Argentine people, who had been robbed of their territory, were the ones who should decide. Sir John

said the Latin American states wanted "loaded negotiations" between Britain and Argentina with the outcome already predictable — the transfer of sovereignty to Argentina.

He said Britain had no doubt of its sovereignty over the windswept islands which were reoccupied by British forces in June following an invasion by Argentina three months earlier. Sir John said Argentina has still not acknowledged that the Falklands hostilities are over, or promised to refrain from the future use of force.

A British garrison of 4,000 men is now stationed in the colony.

Seoul youth demonstrate against Chun

SEOUL, South Korea, Nov. 3 (AP) — Hit-and-run demonstrations were staged Wednesday night in downtown Seoul with students shouting slogans against the government of President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Witnesses said the demonstrators numbered more than 500 at one point, and the outbreak lasted at least half an hour. It went on until one major group confronted riot police, who fired tear-gas canisters, and plainclothes police moved in to disperse and seize some protesters.

Witnesses on the scene said there were no apparent injuries. There was no information on the number of those taken into custody.

Wednesday was the anniversary of 1929 demonstrations in the southern city of Kwangju against Japan's colonial rule, and there had been rumors during the day that a student protest was planned to mark the occasion.

Before nightfall, squads of riot and plainclothes police were in position in downtown Seoul, on the ready for any manifestation of dissent. When darkness came, witnesses said, the demonstrators shouted slogans against the government, and called for freedom of press and freedom of labor union activity.

Some of the students taking part in the demonstrations said they were from Seoul National University, Korean University and Yonsei University, three of the leading educational institutions in South Korea.

Sources said several hundred students had taken part earlier in the day in an anti-government demonstration on the campus of Seoul National University.

It was the second consecutive day that reinforced riot police units had been on duty in downtown areas of Seoul, apparently in response to reports that student dissident activity might be planned.

There have been a number of sporadic, anti-government demonstrations by students during the year, mostly in Seoul and the provincial capital of Kwangju in the south.

Cabinet ready, Gonzalez says

MADRID, Nov. 3 (AP) — Spain's Socialist premier-designate said that being a card-carrying party member was not a prerequisite for joining his government.

After meeting for an hour and a half with King Juan Carlos, Felipe Gonzalez, whose Socialist Workers' Party swept last week's general elections to gain an absolute parliamentary majority, told reporters that all cabinet members would be "committed to a particular political program, but they don't necessarily have to be card-carrying Socialists." He said his cabinet was "almost all drawn up" but would not name names.

The king was proved to be a strong supporter of Spain's return to representative government five years ago following the death of Gen. Francisco Franco in 1975. He also favors increasing Spain's influence in its former Latin American colonies.

Under Spain's constitution, formal transfer of political power can come as late as 35 days after an electoral victory. The king formally designates a new premier, and the choice is ratified by the lower house of parliament.



PERSHING IN MISHAP: Three persons died and two were seriously injured Tuesday when a loaded U.S. Army Pershing missile transporter collided with a civilian car and caused 150 persons near the scene to be evacuated from their homes. The missile transporter was carrying a Pershing rocket without nuclear warhead but containing highly explosive fuel when it hit the civilian car at a West German village near Karlsruhe.

Reagan's support dismays Thatcher

LONDON, Nov. 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Wednesday was said to be "dismayed and disappointed" with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's support of an Argentine-sponsored U.N. resolution calling for a peaceful solution of the Falklands sovereignty dispute.

Mrs. Thatcher's attitude was relayed by her aides following reports from the United Nations Tuesday that Reagan had personally decided to give his backing to the General Assembly resolution.

The British Foreign Office called the resolution "objectionable and hypocritical." As the new issue strained U.S.-British relations, American Ambassador John J. Louis, Jr. called on Foreign Secretary Francis Pym Wednesday morning to discuss the

Falkland Islands resolution and other subjects. The half-hour meeting was arranged by "mutual agreement," the Foreign Office said. The U.S. Embassy had no comment on Louis' call on Pym.

The British say they cannot resume negotiations over sovereignty of the South Atlantic islands because of Argentina's invasion of the Falklands on April 2 followed by a grueling 74-day war which the British won with the loss of 255 lives. The Argentines had 712 dead.

British officials point out that during the crisis, Argentina refused to obey U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for withdrawal of their forces and peaceful settlement of the conflict.

London insists that the 1,800 British-

descended Falkland Islanders must have self-determination, but the U.N. resolution makes no mention of this topic. Britain intends to consult the islanders on their future, following a period of reconstruction after the June 14 Argentine surrender.

Right-wingers in the ruling Conservative Party have also reacted angrily to the U.S. decision. Conservative Member of Parliament John Stokes said: "I am utterly amazed. I think it will do irreparable damage to the Atlantic alliance and will dismay a great many people in this country who regard the United States as our closest ally." Winston Churchill, grandson of Britain's World War II leader, said: "It is about time that people realize that we have not shed British blood to give the Falklands away."

Critics to grill premier on N-arms issue

LONDON, Nov. 3 (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will be pressed Thursday by one of her fiercest parliamentary critics to say whether nuclear weapons were carried by British warships during the Falklands conflict with Argentina.

Several newspapers, including *The Times*, said Wednesday that nuclear weapons were carried, and both the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and Independent Television carried similar reports Tuesday night.

The reports said that some British ships had anti-submarine nuclear bombs because they had neither time nor opportunity to unload them. Britain had no intention of

using the weapons, the reports said. Opposition Labor member of parliament Tam Dalyell, who bitterly opposed the war over the disputed Falkland Islands, said Tuesday night: "The fact is that it must have been a conscious decision to take nuclear weapons to the South Atlantic."

The British government does not normally comment on the deployment of nuclear weapons but some commentators have suggested that Mrs. Thatcher might find it politically difficult to give no answer to Dalyell's questions Thursday.

Dalyell said: "Now did the British prime minister not know that the fleet was taking

nuclear weapons to the South Atlantic? Because if she didn't, it raises all sorts of serious problems."

The Daily Express newspaper, which backs the Conservative government, said Wednesday she might give some explanation to allay fears among members of parliament that Britain was prepared to use nuclear weapons against Argentina. Argentina invaded and occupied the islands last April and a British expeditionary force, retook them 11 weeks later. The BBC spoke of the possibility that the British warship *Sheffield* had nuclear weapons on board when it was sunk by an Argentine missile in May.

Spadolini to discuss pipeline, M.E. in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Agencies) — Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini was meeting President Ronald Reagan Wednesday to review Western differences over East-West trade with the Soviet Union and joint peacekeeping efforts in the Middle East.

The Italian prime minister, who arrived here Tuesday night, was expected to protest U.S. sanctions against European suppliers to the Soviet pipeline in talks with Reagan government sources say.

The sources said U.S. government officials were considering reversing the blacklisting of firms that defied the sanctions, but would

prohibit them from signing more contracts to help build the Soviet natural gas pipeline to Western Europe.

The sanctions, which have caused a rift between the United States and its European allies, bar American firms and their subsidiaries overseas from selling U.S. oil and gas equipment to the Soviets. In addition, non-American firms are prohibited from producing such equipment for the Soviets under U.S. licenses.

The prime minister and Reagan were expected to review the current mission of Italian, American and French troops who

have joined in a Multinational Peacekeeping Force (MNF) in Lebanon.

Administration officials have said that in order to meet Lebanon's security needs the peacekeeping force may need to be expanded, possibly to include troops from other nations, and its mission broadened beyond the immediate Beirut area. The administration, working closely with the government of Lebanon, has set a goal of arranging the withdrawal of foreign forces, including Israelis, from Lebanon by the end of the year.

Italian officials said Spadolini planned to protest the confiscation last month by U.S. customs officials in New York of turbine parts made by Nuovo Pignone, a firm owned by the Italian government. The seized turbine parts were bound for Algeria, the Italians said.

Haughey faces crucial vote

DUBLIN, Nov. 3 (R) — Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey faces a crucial vote in parliament Thursday which will probably end his eight-month-old minority government and precipitate the third Irish general election in 18 months.

His chances of survival looked slim after the small Workers' Party, which holds the balance of power, said its three parliamentary deputies would vote against the government. Haughey, who took over after a general election in March this year, faces a confidence vote over his plans to cut government spending.

Opposition leader Garret Fitzgerald has said he will move a no-confidence motion because of Haughey's attempts to avoid a vote on his economic plans. Haughey was avoiding a vote because death and illness had deprived him of two parliamentary votes.

He responded Wednesday to Fitzgerald's announcement by tabling a motion reaffirming parliament's confidence in his Fianna Fail government. Few believe he can win the vote. Government chief whip (floor leader) Bert Aherne believes Haughey will fall this week. "The odds are in favor of us going down," he said.

With the Workers Party intending to vote

against the government, Haughey's supporters believe the only way he can survive is by Fianna Fail member Jim Gibbons who is seriously ill, to vote in the confidence division.

His presence could result in a tied vote. But as a twist of irony, Gibbons is one of Haughey's bitterest critics. He was chief prosecution witness in a 1970 trial when Haughey was accused of smuggling weapons to the underground Irish Republican Army (IRA). Haughey was acquitted.

The Workers said it would not support Haughey because it opposed a government economic blueprint which incorporates plans to cut health service spending.

The latest opinion polls make Fitzgerald's Fine Gael and the smaller Labor Party, whose coalition was ousted by Haughey in March, clear favorites to win a general election.

Haughey's administration has been marred by a series of scandals and last month he faced a vote of no-confidence among his own party members. He survived the vote, but were party critics who said his style of leadership was arrogant and his economic policies inadequate.

Weinberger 'cooking up' threat

BANGKOK, Nov. 3 (AFP) — Vietnam Wednesday accused U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger of "cooking up" a Soviet and Vietnamese threat to Southeast Asia as a pretext for boosting U.S. military presence in the region. Radio Hanoi, monitored here, said Weinberger had raised a "hue and cry" about the alleged threat to non-Communist states in conjunction with his current five-nation Asian and Pacific tour.

"By cooking up such a story, the U.S. defense secretary wanted to create the pretext for increasing U.S. military presence in Southeast Asia," a broadcast commentary said. It charged that in recent days the United States had poured "hundreds of millions of dollars" in military aid to the five members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) — Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Weinberger told Thai leaders before leav-

ing here Wednesday for Indonesia, the final stage of his tour, that Washington was increasing its credits for Thai military purchases by \$12.2 million. This brings to \$50 million total U.S. military aid to Thailand for the current fiscal year.

The Hanoi broadcast said the United States has "sought by all means" to reassert itself in Southeast Asia since withdrawing from Vietnam in 1975. Its current attempts "will only aggravate the already tense situation in the region," radio Hanoi said. Weinberger's first stop was Singapore. After Jakarta he is to visit Australia and New Zealand.

A Soviet newspaper charged that the United States in pushing the ASEAN members into confrontation with the countries of Indochina in order to "destabilize" the situation in Southeast Asia.

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